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Tobin Elected Hamilton's Eighteenth President

(l-r) Tobin, wife Beverly, son David Gehm '96 and daughter Leslie pose after Saturday's announcement.

Photo by Alicia White Davis '97

By Beth A. Merrill '94 and Bonnie Carr '95

News and Managing Editors

At a campus-wide meeting on Saturday morning, Chairman of the Board of Trustees J. Carter Bacot '55 announced that the Board had unanimously approved to make Acting President Eugene Tobin the 18th President of Hamilton College.

"In our search, which included candidates from all over the nation, we looked for the best leader for one of America's premier liberal arts colleges," Bacot said. "Tobin .. is clearly that leader .... [It is] reassuring that the best and most qualified is one of our own."

Following Bacot's announcement, the audience of nearly 250 trustees, administrators, faculty members, and some students gave Tobin a standing ovation as he took the podium. "As a historian I'm aware of the importance of balancing tradition and change," Tobin said. "Ours is the challenge of enacting and securing a tradition of academic excellence."

Tobin first came to Hamilton in 1980 as an Assistant Professor of History. Since then he has served as the Director of the American Studies Program, Chair of the Department of History, and, most recently, Dean of the Faculty.

According to Bacot, Tobin's familiarity with the College will make the transition easier for everyone involved. "There will be no learning period of getting to know Hamilton College," he said. "No one knows [Hamilton] better than Gene."

Trustee and Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee Gerald Dirvin '59 agreed with Bacot. He said that Tobin was "the best person for the job. The fact that he is already familiar with the school is a bonus."

"We talked to the very best people in the nation who are qualified for this position," Dirvin said, "and we feel we've found in Gene the best candidate." According to Dirvin, 239 candidates applied for the job.

Professor of Sociology Dan Chambliss said that Tobin "is a first-rate teacher, understands what teaching at a school like Hamilton is like, and really connects well with students." Bacot echoed Chambliss' point, explaining that all of the candidates were interviewed by student search committee representatives and some related well to the questions, while others did not. Search Committee member Matt Outten '96 said, "Some candidates, I didn't feel really connected with student representatives." Outten stressed that while some candidates may be great fundraisers or good administrators, they didn't have ideas which would help on campus.

Tobin's interactions with students were definitely an asset to his candidacy, and the student members of the committee were key factors involved in the decision, Bacot explained. Search Committee member, Eric Strait '94 said that he "was taken very seriously. I actually did have a voice and (my position) wasn't blown off." Outten echoed Strait, saying, "All the facutly and trustees on the committee were very open and I had a say and was very comfortable on the committee."

Strait said that from the input he received, "people wanted a president that would be accessible, easy to find and one that you can actually approach." Outten emphasized Tobin's quality of open-mindedness and not having fixed ideas about how Hamilton should be, such as in the case of residential life and societies. He felt that in Tobin the college has found someone not with a 'this is what we're going to do,' attitude, but one of 'I have some ideas, but it's important to hear from more people' which is crucial to Hamilton's future.

A student petition in praise and support of Tobin was also helpful in realizing how Tobin is respected and perceived, Dirvin said.

"People are pleased because he clearly wants to help us move in the top rank of liberal arts colleges, where it ought to be," said Chambliss. "He is really devoted to members of the community, and is widely respected by faculty, students and staff, because he respects the people in the trenches who are doing the real work of the college," he added.

Tobin felt that the biggest challenges facing Hamilton are admissions concerns, like attracting the best students and achieving a more multicultural campus. "Much of it exists, but there is a tremendous time lapse between relaying the message" to the rest of the world, he said.

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Tobin states aspirations : focus on top student recruiting

By Gabriel Meyer '96

Associate News Editor

In a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on campus last weekend, Eugene M. Tobin was elected the eighteenth president of Hamilton College by a unanimous vote. Tobin has served as Acting President since President Hank Payne departed [for Williams College on July 1 of this year] and he will assume the responsibilities of President immediately.

Tobin, in a recent interview, said he is elated by his ascendency to the presidency and looks forward to beginning a comprehensive review of Hamilton's operations in January, and to creating a strategic plan for the future.

Tobin stated that he plans to work closely with the students and faculty members in the review of the institution. "We have some great challenges ahead of us," he said, "If change is a part of the future, we must all have some say in it."

Of greatest concern said Tobin, is maintaining Hamilton's reputation as a first-rate educational institution. "I'm concerned that the quality of intellectual life on campus is something we are proud of," he commented. "I want to make sure that the most talented of students are comfortable on this campus. We need to market ourselves much more aggressively."

To that end, Tobin said he plans to oversee a restructuring of Hamilton's student recruiting policies. There has been discussion of using current students and faculty to personally contact perspective students. Many other small colleges already engage in this sort of recruiting. "I'm very pleased with the quality of the faculty... and the students who are on this campus now," said Tobin. "They're our best sales-

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Holocaust survivor Helen Sperling addressed the Red Pit audience on Tuesday, with a lecture entitled, "Memories of the Holocaust." Sperling, originally from Poland, currently resides in New Hartford.

Photo by Alicia White Davis '97

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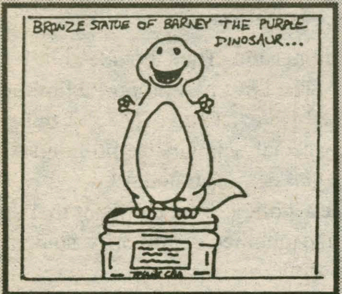

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Survey shows 79% of Class of '93 content in post-Hamilton life

By Amy Grey '97
News Staff Writer

As the spring semester begins, this year's graduating class is looking to the future and wondering. Wondering what they will be doing a year from now; will they be able to find a job; will they get into graduate school, and have the past four years of hard work really gained them anything? The U.S.'s current economic status contributes to the anticipation of their entry into the job market. Yet there is hope, according to a recent phone survey completed by the Career Center. Last year's graduating class gives reason for future Hamilton graduates to be quite optimistic, the survey suggests.

According to Gene Roche, Director of the Career Center, the greater portion of last year's graduates are happily engaged in what they want to be doing. Of the 300 students surveyed, representing 81% of last year's graduates residing in the United States, 58%, "are now employed in full-time positions related to their career interests," and 21% are "engaged in full time graduate, professional, or additional undergraduate study." The other 21% are widely varied in their present situations. Many are taking a break from their studies for financial or personal reasons, while planning to go on to graduate schools in the near future. Among these are many medical students wishing to gain experience and many students who have been accepted to grad schools but who have chosen to defer for a year. Other students are waiting to be placed by the Peace Corps or other volunteer organizations.

Approximately 8% of the class are unemployed or employed part-time, however. Of these graduates, most could not tell the surveyors what type of job they were looking for. Roche says that these 8% are the graduates that the senior class looks at and shivers, fearing, "Will that be me?" In response to these fears, Roche had many comforting words.

"There will always be unemployed people," he acknowledged, but it doesn't need to be you. "You have to work hard," he warned, but the jobs are out there. The statistics have not changed over the past ten years, the graduates of Hamilton are maintaining the high level of success that they were enjoying ten years ago even with our present economy. There are still 60 to 70 percent of our graduates that will end up getting a graduate degree.

To ensure that you are ready to enter the "Real World" when May comes around, Roche has a list of the five things most important to remember. First, "Keep this whole process in perspective." While your first job is going to be one of the crucial elements in determining what the next few years of your life are like, it is only your first job. Don't become obsessed with finding the "one " job for you, you'll likely not stay with your first job for the rest of your life.

Second, "Be ethical. In the long run...your real success in your career will be determined by your honesty and integrity, the consideration and sensitivity with which you treat other people, your reliability and your commitment," says Roche. He warns that in making the decisions that you face when leaving college to enter the real world it is crucial that you set standards for yourself.

Roche also encourages students to "do your homework" and be prepared. Many graduates do not take the time to truly research a prospective employer before discarding an application and thereby limit themselves. Others go to interviews unprepared and lose out on a potentially beneficial career choice. Either of these could be avoided by a little preparation.

Roche's last two hints for success are to "start early," and "don't go it alone." Taking your time and beginning your job search early are crucial. Be open to all your resources both here at the college and among family and friends at home. Generally, there are jobs out there and you can find the right one for you. All it takes is a little work, time, and determination, he encouraged.

Weekend Weather

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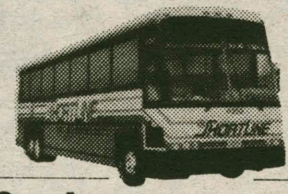

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News from other Ivory Towers

—Compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Removed scholars return to East Bloc

Pavel Seifter is currently the chief foreign policy advisor to Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic. He was a history professor before he washed windows for two decades because of communist authorities in the former Czechoslovakia. Similarly, Zdenek Kovar was removed from his faculty post for political reasons and worked as a truck driver before he was reinstated as the rector of his old university.

Since the demise of communism in East Bloc countries a few years ago, many scholars and academicians like Seifter and Kovar have been returning to the institutions that fired them for resisting authoritarian attempts to stamp out free thinking.

Czechoslovakia underwent mass purges after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion that wiped out the liberalization movement known as "Prague Spring". Universities in the Czech Republic and Slovakia are inviting professors back in an attempt to redress the injustices committed against academics who were forced to do menial jobs and barred from pursuing any intellectual work. (The Wiliams Record)

Students protest against UMass mascot

About 30 minority students at the University of Massachusetts campus at Amherst are protesting against the school's Minuteman mascot and are asking Chancellor David Scott to change the logo. The students said that the white male figure wielding a gun promotes racism, sexism and violence.

The Minuteman, to many individuals, symbolizes the spirit of American independence and democracy. The minuteman refers to the civilian militiamen who were able to take up arms against the British on a minute's notice during the Revolutionary War.

"If the school really wants multiculturalism, it will have to make some sacrifices. We need a mascot more appropriate to higher education, not something that symbolizes violence," said Martin Jones, an organizer of the protest.

Jones said that a militiaman was a bad symbol because local militiamen had destroyed Indian settlements. Jones proposed that the school could adopt the Liberty Bell as its logo and the nickname of its sports teams could be "the Liberators." That would serve as a reference to the importance of the Abolitionist Movement in Massachusetts and to the year 1863, when the university was founded and the Emancipation Proclamation declared slaves free.

The Statesman, the original UMass logo, was changed in 1948 to the Redman, which was changed in a 1972 student referendum to the Minuteman. (The Wiliams Record)

Reactions to diversity requirement mixed

Opinions vary at Texas A & M University about the school's newly created requirement for all undergraduates to take at least two diversity courses in order to graduate from the College of Liberal Arts.

"The problem with this deal is that people have made this a race issue," said Roy McIntyre, a marine biology major. "When you make this race, anyone who is against it is racist."

Other students disagreed with McIntyre. " I think it's a good thing," said Corbin Wickman, a finance major. " There are classes here that are multicultural, but people wouldn't take them willingly." (NSNS)

Oberlin cuts need-blind admission

In hopes of strengthening the College's budget, the College Faculty decided that Oberlin will no longer admit students on a need-blind basis. The new policy is part of a package would go into effect next year. The package was presented by three committies who have spent this semester working on it, and is designed to improve the strength of financial aid packages but will lower the number of students on financial aid. However, financial aid packages of currently enrolled students will not be affected by the new policy.

The policy package is divided into four parts. The first called for Oberlin to offer better financial aid packages "to attract those who are ranked more highly in the admissions process."

The second part recommended the admission office include ability to pay as one of the criteria for admissions. The third part proposed limiting the percent of the budget spent on financial aid each year. The fourth part recommended the college implement a special scholarship program for qualified students, regardless of the students' demonstrated need.

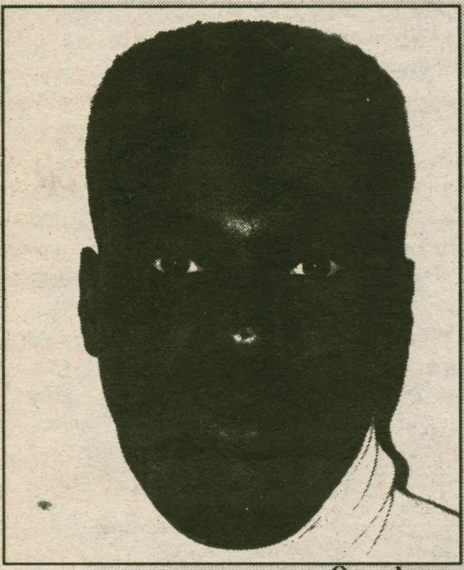
The College Faculty added to the new policy an amendment that the new policy would be used to increase the number of minority students enrolled on campus. (The Oberlin Review)

News

Onwubere, Russell to preside over Student Assembly in 1994

By Jim D'Aleo '95
News Editor

In Student Assembly elections held Wednesday, McLloyd Onwubere '95 and Bill Russell '95 were elected as the student body's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President and Vice-President, respectively. They will replace Sarah Gee '94 and Onwubere.

Onwubere and Russell finished first among three pairs of candidates with 52% of the vote. Jim Morehead '95 and Jason Andris '96 finished with 26% and Matt Outten '96 and Kelly Overton '96 with 21%. According to Gee, the turnout was "not super, but not bad," with close to 50% of the student body voting. Gee is optimistic about the job Onwubere and Russell will do.

"They'll be very effective leaders of Student Assembly," Gee said. "They both have great leader qualities and deal well with the administration and trustees."

Onwubere was understandably excited about his election.

"We think this is an opportunity to consolidate the ideas we've had in Student Assembly," he said. "We want Student Assembly to be a powerful and accountable force to unite the student body."

Russell agrees with the sentiments expressed by Onwubere.

"McLloyd and I really believe we can bring definite and positive changes to the student community and Hamilton community," said Russell.

Onwubere and Russell are planning to focus on three major changes. First, they plan to become more involved in increasing the academic reputation of the school. Their hope is that they can get more students involved in this process.

"I think getting student involved means a lot more than faculty [participation]," Russell said.

Their second proposal is to raise awareness of all the issues pertaining to the residential life survey.

"This is a very important committee," Onwubere said. "We want to have students involved in creating new courses, academic policies, etc."

Onwubere also said the committee will look at admissions, how the school recruits new students and "how the students can play a role in that process." There will also be a subcommittee to look at cultural diversity issues.

The third proposal is to get more students involved in Student Assembly. Both Onwubere and Russell believe this is "the most important of the committees."

"This committee will allow students to be involved in the decision making process," Onwubere said.

Both Onwubere and Russell have extensive experience in Student Assembly. Onwubere was president of the class of 1995 for one semester and vice-president of Student Assembly for one year. Russell has been on Student Assembly since his freshman year. He was treasurer for the class of '95 for one and a half years and treasurer of Student Assembly for a year. He is also currently on the trustee committee on planning, which is one of three committees helping with the residential life study.

For her part, Gee is ambivalent in her feelings about leaving Student Assembly for the first time since her first year.

"I feel very happy [and like] I've accomplished what I wanted to," Gee said. "[But], two weeks into the semester, I might begin to feel lost."

One of the accomplishments Gee is most proud of is the new role she feels Student Assembly plays on campus.

"Student Assembly participation was close to 100%," Gee said. "People are a lot more interested because we are getting more accomplished. The whole campus knows more about Student Assembly and its accomplishments."

Russell

Onwubere and Russell plan to continueto steer Student Assembly on its present course.

"We're just trying to pick up the momentum Sarah created," Russell said. "She really picked up the pace in Student Assembly."

Above all else, Onwubere and Russell have one true goal in mind.

"We want to maintain strong communication with the administration and faculty," Onwubere stated.

College will cope with decrease in Spring enrollment

By Eric Gershon '97
News Staff Writer

Rumors that the college will run over budget during the upcoming spring semester due to unexpected student absences were subdued by Vice President of Administration and Finances, Dan O'Leary in his office earlier this week.

According to O'Leary, the college makes allowances for unexpected student absences from the college and plans the budget accordingly. "We [the faculty and administration] do not discourage out students from going abroad in their junior year," he said. Other factors may affect the number of student enrolled in the college at any given time. Some students graduate in January, some withdraw for academic or personal reasons and others are expelled for disciplinary reasons.

In order to offset the revenues lost from the tuition of students who are absent from the college, for any number of reasons, and to compensate for the disparity between the tuition ($23,500 in 1993-94) and the actual cost of educating one student during the same time period ($32,212), the college has a variety of other sources of income, including grants from the federal and state governments, the income from the endowment (which is approximately 170 million dollars), private gifts, investments and alumni donations. These alternate resources help to compensate for unexpected losses and the high cost of a Hamilton education, but are not substantial enough to replace tuition. Income from tuition amounts to roughly $39,000,000 or 73% of the college's $53,000,000 1993-94 operating budget.

As many as ten mid-year transfer students will also enroll at the college in January, further offsetting any losses. According to O'Leary, gifts from alumni and friends of the college have increased in the last year. Hamilton will host a summer program during the summer of 1994, which will contribute to the cash flow. Revenues from college bookstore sales also contribute to the overall financial well-being of the college.

Despite an apparent abundance of income resources, the college is a non-profit organization, and seeks only to meet its budget; and like most American consumers, the college must watch its purse strings given the economic situation of the nation. Said O'Leary, "We just have to remember to turn the lights out when we leave for the day."

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Community supports Tobin's appointment

From Tobin on page 1

A. Sona Virdi '94 said "The two students (on the committee) represented the views of their fellow student," (in choosing Tobin). "Gene's promise to make Hamilton a better place isn't an empty promise. As long as he stays in touch with the students, we won't regret the choice," Virdi added.

Family man

Tobin and his wife Leslie came to Hamilton in the summer of 1980 when Beverly was 8 months pregnant with their daughter Leslie, Tobin said. He says that since he has assumed the role of acting President, he has been "on the road much more, doing a tremendous amount of travelling, fundraising for the college. Since his wife Beverly is a therapist in Utica, they have been trying to create a schedule to balance their work, while giving their 13 year old parents she can count on. In terms of Tobin's son, Hamilton student, David Gehn '96, "he has a life here (Hamilton) and his friends understand that his life here is separate from his family. He is a wonderful source of honest and accurate information."

President Eugene M. Tobin shakes the hand of Trustee Chairman J. Carter Bacot '55 at Saturday's announcement.

PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS '97

Trustees discuss admissions, residential life during weekend

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people." There is also the possibility of setting up a program to encourage parents of existing Hamilton students to play an active role in this recruiting.

Though largely overshadowed by Tobin's election as president, presentations by students and faculty members were also made to various trustee committees during their meetings last weekend. In the meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, findings from the recent visits of Hamilton students and faculty to other small colleges, as part of the ongoing Residential Life Study, were presented. Groups from Hamilton have already visited Colby and Middlebury Colleges, and the possibility of conducting visits to a midwestern and a southern school was discussed. Also announced at the meeting were plans for George Dehne, who conducted the residential life survey of Hamilton students earlier this year, to make a presentation of its results at the next trustee meeting in March. The response rate to the survey has approached 80 percent at last count.

In the meeting of the newly formed Admissions Committee (not to be confused with the Admissions Office), a number initiatives to attract high quality students were addressed. Among them were plans to improve the tours perspective students take when visiting campus and a program to use faculty members to personally contact students during the admissions process.

On a related issue, the Budget and Finance Committee discussed solutions to the problem of underenrollment. Tentative estimates predict a shortfall of 20 to 30 students next semester. Possible solutions to the problem include the admission of more transfer students to fill the gap.

The Investment Committee in its meeting addressed the issue of whether Hamilton should reinvest in South Africa following the end of apartheid. The Capital Campaign Committee discussed the spending of the proceeds from the current fund raising initiative which ends in June. No decisions were made in the meeting of the Honorary Degree Committee.

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Eleven visit Holocaust Museum in D.C.: An experience unlike any other

By Gabriel Meyer'96
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

Inspired by the Holocaust Literature class I took this semester, and as president of the Hamilton College Hillel organization, I decided to organize a student trip to Washington D.C. to see the recently opened United States Holocaust Museum. Eleven of us, both Hillel members and classmates, spent the weekend in Washington and visited the museum on Sunday afternoon. The weather outside was cloudy, cold and damp creating a mood outside that was no more pleasant than that of the museum we were about to enter.

The Holocaust Museum is meant to be a traumatic experience, not a pleasant one. Exibits of photos, movies and text tell the story of the Holocaust from the time of the Nazi seizure of power to liberation of concentration and death camps at the end of World War II.

The impetus for the creation of the museum came in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter created a President's Commission on the Holocaust to consider the feasibility of building an American memorial to the Holocaust. Construction of the museum began on federal land just south of the national mall in the late 1980's. The museum was opened amidst great fanfare this April.

Some critics describe the museum as a" Holocaust theme park." The building is made of red brick with exposed steel beams. In an attempt to simulate the architecture of a Nazi concentration camp,the ceilings are steel mesh.

Visitors can walk through a wooden freight car like one of the many used to transport the victims to their fates. However,the car was empty and smelled of pine wood, whereas a half century earlier, tightly packed human bodies, the stench of corpses and horrible sanitary conditions would have made thesmell unbearable. The same is also true of a simulated bunkhouse.

I was left with many haunting images. Among them was the picture of a pile of shoes that had been confiscated from victims as they entered the camps.

Upon entering the museum, visitors are given a card with a picture and brief history of a Holocaust victim,and one immediately feels more closely tied to all that took place.

The tour begins with a ride in a dark elevator with exposed steel walls to the third floor where the exhibits begins. During the ride up, a video monitor displays images of what the allied forces encountered in the concentration camps at liberation. The voice of a soldier describes the horror and disbelief everyone shared.

Unlike most museums, the exhibits at the Holocaust Museum are not set in large, open, interconnected rooms. Instead, they are displayed along narrow corridors that lead back down to the museum's main lobby. There is no way to reach the lobby without passing all of the displays.

The exhibits begin with a description of Hitler and the Nazi party's rise to power. The beginning of World War II with the German invasion of Poland is covered, followed by an exhibit examining the American response to Hitler's rise to power before the war and his treatment of Jews. Much emphasis is given to the lack of American efforts to become involved at the time.

The operations of the concentration and death camps are shown in graphic detail, using film footage taken inside them.

There are also audio tapes playing tales told by survivors. At several locationsthere are booths with TV monitors where visitors can choose from one of several short films on a Holocaust related subject.

The tour concludes with an exhibit documenting the aftermath of the Holocaust, telling of the hardship survivors faced and of the beginning of mass emigration to Palestine, which was soon to become Israel.

Although the museum was qute crowded, a reverent silence pervaedd its dimly lit corridors. I was left with many haunting images. Among them was a pile of thusands of shoes confiscated from victims as they entered the camp and photographs which showed mounds of hair sheared from the women entering the camps. Their hair was sold by the Nazi government at cut rates to various industries which used it to make fabric and mattress stuffing. One particularly gruesome video showed footage of "medical research" performed by the Nazis. Among the scenes were those of corpses sawed in half in the name of "research" on the human bone structure, and a man put in a pressure chamber and deprived of oxygen to learn about the effects of high altitude flight on German pilots..

Before returning to the museum's main lobby, visitors pass through a large white marble room dedicated as the Hall of Remembrance, a place for silent meditation or reflection. In addition to several biblical quotes inscribed on the walls are the words, "For the living and the dead we must bear witness." The Holocaust Memorial Museum helps individuals, even with little knowledge of the Holocaust, to do exactly that.

Tragically, the Holocaust is not a phenomenon unique to Germany.

As I walked out of the museum late in the afternoon with three other members from the trip, I realized the museum had had its intended effect on me. The boxcar and bunkhouse had not seemed misplaced. We were all shaken by the shoes, the hair, the gas canisters and the American government's refusal to do anything to mitigate one of the darkest hours of human history.

As we walked toward Chinatown to get dinner before our flight, we passed several lampposts which had been defaced with small swastikas. It was disconcerting to realize that the events portrayed in the museum were not that distant from us.

Tragically, the Holocaust was not a phenomenon unique to Germany. Only the day before going to the Holocaust Memorial Museum, I saw an exibit at the National Museum of American histort on the detainment of Japanese-Americans in the U.S. during World War II. The exibit was, not surprisingly, tucked away in the west wing of the third floor, far from the main entrance of the museum. It is a chapter of American history we would all liketo strike from our memories. Although the Japanese-American detainment was not nearly as severe in its dimensions as the Holocaust, it bears a striking resemblance.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has an important lesson to teach. Even as other holocausts continue thoughout the world today, there is a chance that through greater awareness they can be prevented from recurring. We can only hope that the mueum makes a positive contribution to this end.

And I got to sit on his lap...

Santa starts the season at Sangertown Square

By Emily Valle '96
FEATURES EDITOR

An ideal job? I couldn't imagine, as I waded through a passel of frenzied, knee-high citizens, that anyone would actually enjoy being stuffed into a red suit, propped on a chair, and told to enthusiastically repeat, "So what do you want for Christmas, little girl?" for five hours. In the middle of the food court at Sangertown Square Mall, no less, and at various other transported poles situated not only north, but south, west and east of the Mohawk Valley Region.

Imagine my surprise, then, when one of the seven Sangertown Santas informed me that he loves his job—beard-pulling and all. With stereotypical warmth (although he lacked the rosy-cheeked joviality), he informed me that he enjoys watching the children "light up like light bulbs" as they approach him, their seasonal god.

"But," I stammered, my theories crumbling, "doesn't it get really hot in that suit? How can you sit there all day?" Santa patted his pillowy belly and complacently replied, "If I get hot, all I do is walk around for a bit and I feel much better." And he gets a break when he feeds the reindeer, of course.

Perhaps my pessimism is derived from the fact that when I was five I was so intimidated by Santa that I peed on his lap. Watching a little girl tiptoe to his chair, my experience rushed back. I recalled the excitement of dressing up in a new outfit, being prodded down the aisle, and finally touching the awesome figure (fortunately this time I had just visited the ladies room). I think I even got

what I wanted that year, a Barbie doll, which, Santa informs me, is still the most common request among little girls. Toy trucks and sleds are also in demand, he claimed.

Santa said his biggest challenge is to make the children feel comfortable. His secret weapon is the Barney theme song, which provides a great icebreaker. I also overheard him humming a few bars from Sesame Street.

It is actually parents, not kids, who annoy Santa the most because they use him for disciplinary purposes. For example, he said that one mother secretly asked him to tell her child to stop biting his nails. Many exasperated parents use Santa's visit as a bribe for good behavior.

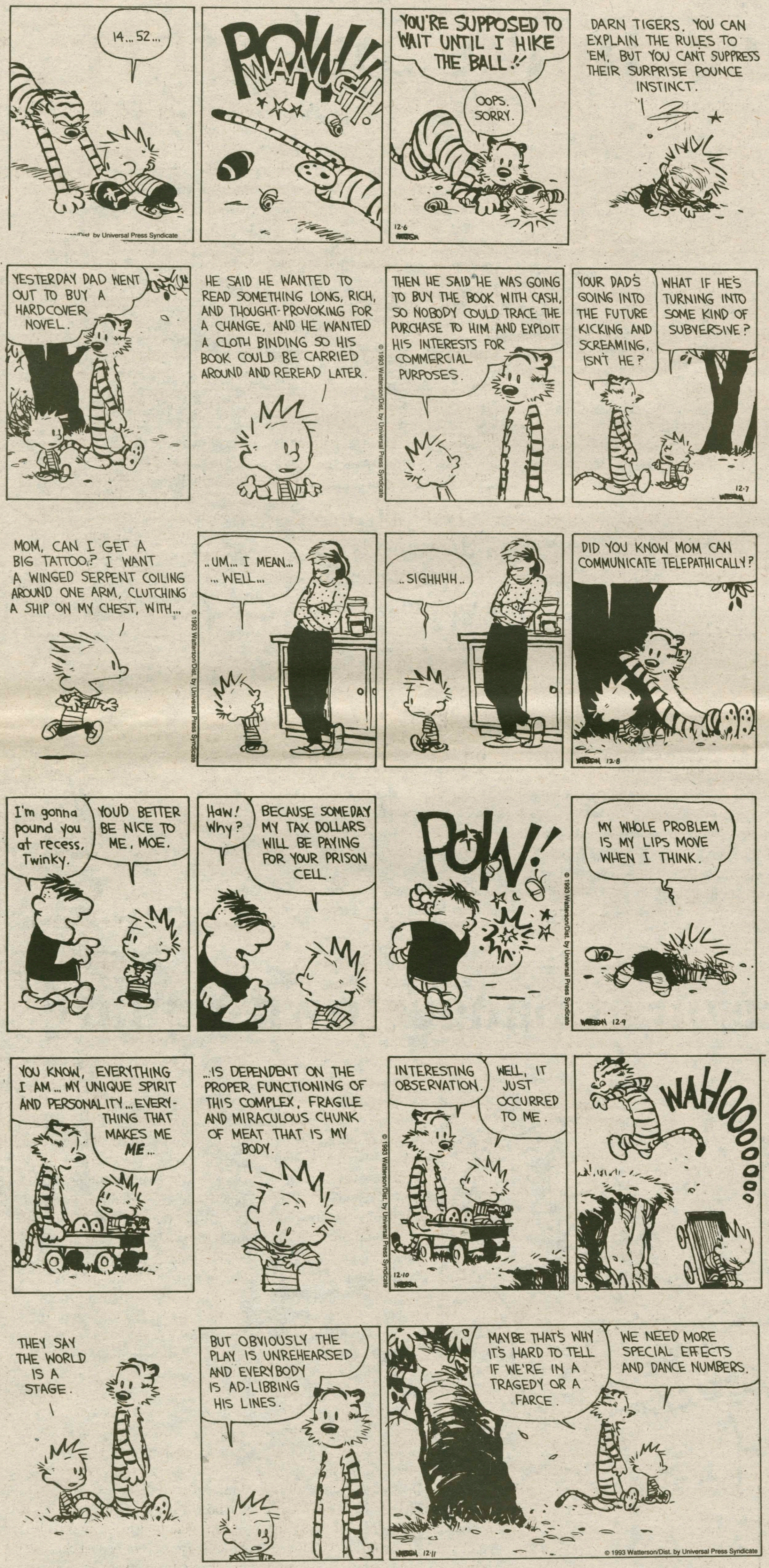
To my practiced eye, the Sangertown Santa lacked the necessary crow's feet around the eyes and frost-bitten nose, and I discovered that he is only twenty-four. But that's not to say a few wrinkled believers haven't sat on his lap. On the contrary, three generations of women recently had their picture taken with him. He also gets a few domesticated animals ever year—wishing, no doubt, for catnip and juicy bones.

When asked what he himself would request from Santa this Christmas, the saint replied, "Nothing. I'm perfectly happy with my life, especially my new son."

As a boy was dragged by screaming, "He's not real!That's not Santa!" my head began to throb and I decided to wind up the interview. Santa merely waved a white glove at the little tyrant and smiled. This, I thought, is the epitome of the Christmas spirit. Either that or he's getting paid under the table.

HAVOC would like to thank the community for raising $2550.00 for OXFAM. A special thanks to Keene Co-op which contributed $175.00

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



QUOTABLE QUOTES

Trevor Nardini & Geoff Trukenbrod

"I love it when we're on our backs with our knees up."
- Anna Wild '96 while in dance class.

"Now PBX can try to get a monopoly on it."
- Elizabeth Hill '97 in reference to the Dannon frozen yogurt raffle.

"It's good to finally have something done and not have to pay for it."
- Sara Falkenberry '96 on getting her car fixed. What DO you pay for?

"I've got a thing for guys in khaki pants and oxfords. I was weaned on them."
- Jen Halstead '97 on her somewhat biased upbringing.

"I wouldn't know what to do with her."
- Ben Leavenworth '94 on Sharon Stone. I wouldn't worry about it if I were you.

"I've dated most of the guys under 5'9"."
- Becky Egan '96 on sizing up.

"They know me there."
- Jeff Ferris '94 in reference to J-Crew. I bet they do!

"I live in your column. I'm a dork."
- Rebecca Toomey '97. Yes you are!

"Forget about your body, go for smell."
- Amy Climo '94 in reference to a perfume ad. Does that work for you?

"I wouldn't kick Dolly Parton out of bed."
- Jason Nissen '94. The question is could you?

"The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body and I just work mine harder than some other people do."
- Annonymous sophomore on playing wind instruments. Flute perhaps?

"I've finally found time to do my rosary beads...I do them on the Nordic Track."
- Mrs. Bergman, mother of Jeanne '94, on her "faithful" committment to excercise.

"She's like a rash. She's really annoying and she shows up in the most unusual places."
- Erik Morris '95 on his girlfriend. Not anymore!

"My LSAT score was so low, they had to send Captain Nemo to get it."
- Trevor Nardini '94 on his apparent legal future.

"Did you do the butt-bumper thing?"
- Emma Rounds '95 on underwater tea parties. Social butterfly!

"Can I have the arteriosclerosis special with a side of angina please."
- Joseph Phaluf '97 to a Commons employee.

"I'll go ask my supervisor if we have any left."
- Commons employee in response to Phaluf's query.

Ed. Note: We would like to thank the faithful Quotable Quoters for a semester of clever, witty, and always tasteful commentary on Hamilton life.

Hail from the Editor-in-Chief: Van Allen bids *Spectator* fond farewell

This is my last *Spectator* ever.

Somehow I thought I'd be happier than I am.

I'll never again have to stay up all night Thursday. I'll never again have to get up at 9 a.m. Friday morning and take new pages to the printer. I'll never again have to make 40 phone calls in one day and spend two hours just opening mail. And I'll never again have to figure out what new problem our equipment has come up with at 3 a.m.

I'm beginning to realize how much I love my job.

I haven't always loved it, but it's been an incredibly satisfying experience that I don't think I could have gotten from anything else at Hamilton. I have learned more in these offices than I have in any classroom.

The things I've learned are too numerous to count, but I can try. I've learned how to organize a staff of people who sometimes don't want to be here any more than I do. I've learned how to plan ahead. I've learned how to manage when I haven't planned ahead. I've learned how to compromise and mediate. I've learned that everyone is crabby when they've been up all night, but sometimes it's when we do our best work. I've learned that people who have completely opposite views can get along if they try. I've learned that being the boss isn't always fun, but it is worth it in the end. I've learned about my own abilities, and my limits, and that nobody can do it alone.

From the people around me I've gotten praise, congratulations, thanks and enthusiastic support. I've also gotten threats, hate mail, insults and criticism. I'd like to think I took the good and the bad with the same openness, but then I'd be lying. I haven't taken some of it very well. (And some of it left me in tears.) But I got through it. All of it. When I first started I thought the hardest part would be writing editorials. I'd never done that before and it scared me to death. But that became one of my favorite things to do. I may not always have had much to say, but I got a chance to say something. That's more than most people bother to even try. I think I realize now how powerful the printed word can be.

At *The Spectator* I found my niche. I know sometimes it hasn't been easy working with me or for me, sometimes I felt more like a parent than a coworker, but I think I was good at my job. There are many who may disagree with me, but I honestly believe that I was good at this. I'm not the best editor ever to grace these offices, but I'm not the worst either. This meant a lot to me. And I will miss it.

It's hard that I'll still be here to see the paper every week for the first time and know I had nothing to do with it. That's never happened, not since first year. I can't get used to that idea. I've grown up here. I'm a different person than when I wrote my first news story. This has been a part of who I am and it's helped me grow up. (Yes, Mom and Dad, I am more grown up than when you dropped me off four years ago, believe it or not.)

Stephanie Van Allen
Editor-in-Chief

But I do wish the new Spec staff luck. It was time to be done and move on. Although I do believe we are all insane to do this. Anyone who wants to be Editor-in-Chief must be insane. It's hard work, long hours, lots of meetings, weekly disagreements, chasing after people to get things done, dealing with administrative bureaucracy, no pay, no sleep, no time for school work and no appreciation from almost everybody. But if you asked me if I'd do it again, I would definitely say yes. I'm insane too.

I want to thank everybody who worked on *The Spectator* with me. Jen Hampton taught me everything I know about newspapers (and she bought me a cool nametag for my desk which is now officially retired). Paul Earle taught me how to stand up for what I believe in and to always have perfection as a goal. Catherine Hyde helped me do everything when I didn't know anything. Bonnie Carr was quietly capable of doing anything, and she helped us all laugh a little. And everyone else, because there are far too many of you to name individually, I thank you for everything. For three years of Thursdays. For a lot of work and a lot of laughs, and a lot of good times. Thanks guys.

Thanks and goodbye.

Gene Tobin: We've got the right one baby!

Last week, in a Saturday morning announcement, trustee J. Carter Bacot announced the hiring of Acting President Gene Tobin to the permanent position of President. Many expected this decision and openly welcome this move. Personally, I found it a surprising and intelligent move by the trustees.

I will admit that at first I was blissfully ignorant of Acting President Tobin's qualifications for the job. I did not know how long he had been at Hamilton College, or his major accomplishments as Dean of the Faculty. Further, I never attended any of President Tobin's monday morning conversations with the student body. At the time of his hiring, the bulk of my knowledge about President Tobin's qualifications were limited to the T-shirt, "Top 10 reasons why Gene is better than Hank."

Eric S. Ritvo
The Final Cut

Considering that there are better reasons than, "He does not have a fishy handshake" for hiring a President, I realized the message that his hiring conveys to the Hamilton community and prospective students. This message is a strong one, and coincides with the raised intellectual activity on campus this past week.

The hiring of Gene Tobin comes as Hamilton's national ranking is dropping andwith the knowledge that academic standards have lowered over the past few years. By hiring from within, a signal is sent that we can solve Hamilton's problems ourselves. The faculty and student body are overly qualified to return Hamilton to its former standard and go higher. While Williams College, currently at the upper echelon of rankings, needed to take our former President to maintain their status, hiring Gene Tobin proves Hamilton's problems do not need an outsider to solve them, but that we are able to help ourselves.

This past week, Hamilton's ability to produce intellectuals rather than incompetent individuals was displayed on campus. First, the Literature of the Holocaust class gave students an opportunity to enrich their knowledge about the Holocaust. Students from the Introductory Women's Studies class reminded everyone of the dangers of rape. The Conservative Club brought yet another speaker to campus. Members of Rhetoric and Communication 230 presented their semester long research projects concerning recruitment materials, gender equity in sports, and computer technology to members of the Hamilton administration qualified to enact change.

Beyond all of these classroom activities, students tended not to just complain about workload, but enlightened others of how their efforts can help the community. Outside of the classroom, students organized a semi-formal for residents of South and Carnegie and their friends. The Crew Team held a semi-formal dinner. The Music Department showcased their students' talents. A spirit of activism and education appears to have returned to Hamilton. I credit this change to the administration's willingness to care about the students coupled with students finally ending complaints about the social scene and doing something about it.

Hiring Gene Tobin shows the faith the trustees have in the aility of the current members of the Hamilton community to remedy our own problems. In Gene Tobin, we have a President who truly cares about the student body, inside and outside of the classroom. This is welcome change form Hank who seemed to care more about the facilities on campus than the people utilizing them. The fact that Gene Tobin involves himself with the student body proves his worthiness as a candidate. This past week has seen efforts by Hamilton community members to restore the failing academics of our institution. Now, with President Gene Tobin, we also have the right leader.

Settling in for a long winter's break: Read a lot, listen a little & enjoy

Thanks to EJM.

There is something so comforting about recipes. It is a rosy thing when one follows directions, and is presented with a reward, something pleasurable, at the end of their work. Maybe the conformity and domestic implications of adhering to a recipe is too 1950's for our hip 90's generation (ha), but I have concocted one of these dandy lists of ingredients of what I believe to be fine reads and listens to sample over a month of unabashed liberty. Follow accordingly and a wonderful month will be found.

A friend advised me not to include anything that I have not read or listened to myself in my suggestions. However, there are some things I am muchly looking forward to reading/listening to, and I'll be sure to make the clear distinction between those and things already loved.

Well, with those qualifiers out of the kitchen, the book that I am most excited to read is **Naomi Wolf**'s new nonfiction feminist book, *Fire With Fire*. Her first book, *The Beauty Myth* is a powerful and stirring book which should go unread by no woman or man. Debuting in 1991, *The Beauty Myth* untangles the vines of beauty imagery which have been wrapped around female spirit for ages. Wolf's writing combines strong use of metaphor with slews of research and interviews which culminate in a rich and revealing book. Fire With Fire promises to explore the forefront of the feminist battle lines, and answer the question of why so many women are reluctant to call themselves feminists.

Out of the political arena, and onto more uplifting books, read **Alice Walker**'s *Living By the Word* after first perusing *You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down*. These two page turners read consecutively will leave the reader with Walker's warmth and fortitude of spirit. *You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down* is a collection of short stories, each about African American women, but all very diverse and colorful.

Living By the Word compiles Walker's selected speeches, journal entries and letters into a book which leaves the reader feeling as if they have first glance into the life and spirit which makes Walker the writing guru that she is.

While enjoying these two delicious books, listen to **Miriam Makeba**'s 1989 album, "Sangoma." The tones in this prolific African musician's voice are shrilling and rich. Wonderful sounds to read to. You might conclude your simultaneous reading/listening with **Ella Fitzgerald**'s "Singing the Cole Porter Songbook."

Two books that *absolutely should not be missed* are **Douglas Coupland**'s *Generation X* and *Shampoo Planet*. *X* is Coupland's somewhat explanation for the nondirection he feels his unaccomplishing generation (people in their mid to late twenties) is not really traveling in. The book joins three friends, Andy, Dag and Clair together in a desert region in southern California after they have all rejected society in their own fiery fashion, whether this being walking out of an investment/financial job, or being college graduated and bartending. **Bela Fleck and the Flecktones** should be sounding in your ears while reading this book, either "Flight of the Cosmic Hippo" or "UFO/TOFU."

Shampoo Planet narrates (surprise, surprise) our generation through a character named Tyler who does many things which many people our age do - go to diners, upgrade our computers and ownership of communicatory machines (i.e. answering machines, FAX machines, VCRs, etc.), do the summer trip overseas and be the Eurotraveled intellect, and think careers in business and finance hold the key to a Volvo staion wagon and house in the 'burbs. Tyler jabs at people our age who adopt retro attitudes and try to capture the elements of "better days" by purchasing the wear, hanging head low, and being distant/spaced out. Coupland writes, "They all do this, buy the ticket, think they can relive the 60's and treat it like a theme park." The "Dazed and Confused" sountrack accompanies this novel nicely. And at the appropriate moment ('twill be obvious), play a favorite **Doors** tune.

The last ingredient should be the addition of **Peter Mayle**'s *A Year in Provence*. (The author's new fiction novel, *Hotel Pastis* is currently on the stands and doing well.) *A Year in Provence* is the British author's account of the culture shock and cultural agitation he feels after moving to the south of France. Written by the months, all the pokes at French living are done in good spirit, and it is Mayle's incredulous wit that lends the book its enjoyment. Pour a glass of red wine and listen to **Vivaldi**'s *Four Seasons*. This is last because it opens on the New Year. And it strings themes of fine living and good health through its pages.

May you find this also. Love to all. Catch the Spark.

EDITORIAL

Congrats to the new Prez

Hamilton has searched far and wide to find a new leader, and it found one on its own doorstep. Somehow it serves us right.

We were looking for someone with vision, someone from far away who could come and solve all our problems. A brave knight on a white horse to come to our rescue. A bit unrealistic, wasn't it?

Instead, what we found is a proven leader. A competent and compassionate man who knows us. Someone who has been here for 13 years and knows Hamilton better than any of us. We spent so much time, effort and money looking for someone new, when the right person for the job was under our noses the whole time.

All right, so the trustees had to at least conduct a search, that much we'll admit to. Although their grand search ended up looking somewhat excessive, we ended up with a good guy.

President Tobin, in his own quiet way, is a strong leader. We wanted someone with vision, he has it. We wanted someone who knew who how to handle Hamilton problems. He's been here longer than most professors. He's been a professor and an administrator. And he wants to talk to us.

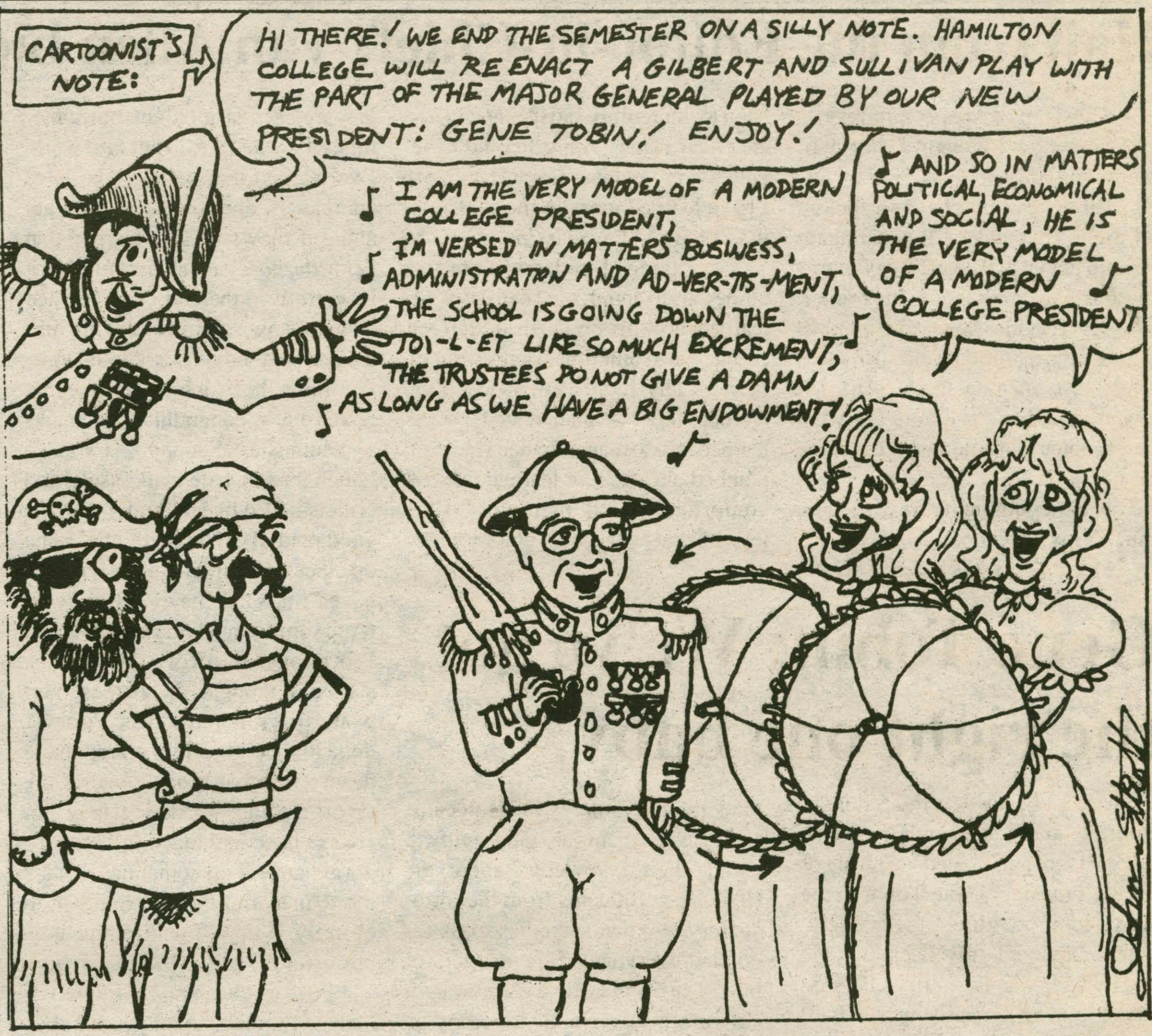
News flash: not all college presidents want to talk to the students. Most wouldn't set aside time every week to sit in Beinecke just to talk to students. This is unusual, and highly appreciated. President Tobin is one of the most genuine, accessible people on campus. None of us should have any doubt that his commitment to Hamilton and Hamilton students is real.

In addition to that, he has the support of the faculty and administration. The turnout at last Saturday's meeting proved that: faculty members turned out in force and showed their enthusiasm for Tobin's appointment by overwhelming applause and a standing ovation.

It's great that President Tobin knows so much about Hamilton from the start. As many people have pointed out, there will not be a long period of adjustment while we get used to Tobin and he gets used to us. But let's let him have a few more minutes of glory. He has earned his position and deserves all the congratulations he has been getting. If we cannot be the first to offer our support for President Tobin, we will at least be the loudest.

Gene Tobin is a man who wants to grow with Hamilton, rather than outgrow it.

Gene Tobin will hopefully be around for a long time, and we at *The Spectator* are glad.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Drop Those Generalizations"— Swali '97 concurs with Bergman

To the Editor:

Never had I believed after coming to Hamilton, that there may live another person with ideas very similar to mine on this college campus. The reason being that I felt different, not only as an international student, but as a person who has been brought up in a background very different than Americans'. I very vividly remember being taught that "each person should be recognized by his or her individual qualities." Now I know at least one person who also realizes this and I respect her for her ideas - Jeanne Bergman.

My peers have told me that education has no bounds. Every moment we have something new to learn. We have to be watchful, for education just exists, we have to extract it from life to make use of it. I feel that Jeanne has learned from a night's experience that we should "drop the generalizations." That was her learning experience besides her normal college courses. However, that learning experience is not confined to Jeanne, we all have to be part of it. Jeanne expresses her willingness to share her experience with us so that we may learn from it as well.

Upon arriving to Hamilton, I was taken aback immediately by the fact that the people I came in contact with classified others by race, politics, sexuality (and others' reactions towards it), and nationality. This was a very new and very upsetting experience for me. I became the victim of these generalizations and was transfixed by the experience, for I had no words to express my feelings. I ended up generalizing that everyone at Hamilton was a "classifier and generalizer." Suddenly Jeanne's article appeared in the *Spectator* with which a flash has reminded me about what I had been taught.

Look at each person with his or her individual qualities, for a person cannot be sized up in the two words he or she has uttered or the ideas he or she has portrayed. You have to look much deeper inside the person's ideas and have to talk to him or her to know them better. I feel that as no five fingers on the same hand are different, each person we have generalized in a certain group is different than another person in that same group. In realizing this, not only will we respect each other more, but we will bind better as a community of diverse people.

Once again I thank Jeanne Bergman for all of her effort in sharing her ideas with Hamilton and making me my own self. Let us all follow Jeanne's advice to make the best of ourselves and of Hamilton. "Drop those generalizations."

I respect you a lot Jeanne! Thanks.

Rahul Swali '97

Reno clarifies pedestrian right of way

To the Editor:

In contrast to Sidney Wertimer (letter, December 3 issue), I am not dismayed that so many drivers stop for pedestrians on Martin's Way crossing. This is more than a courteous gesture, however. An officer at the New York State Department of Transportation's Traffic Safety Office informs me that New York vehicle and traffic law compels drivers to stop for pedestrians at any street location with pedestrian crossing markings. The legal right of way lies with the pedestrian, not the driver.

Although the law creates a compelling reason to stop for pedestrians, I prefer to view this yielding of the right of way as an indicator of drivers' civility. It is this aggressiveness of the New York (and Boston) driver that contributes to the reduction of the quality of life in those cities. In contrast, cities such as Salt Lake, Seattle or Ann Arbor, where a pedestrian's presence by the curb side will cause drivers to halt, are generally recognized to be more pleasant places to live.

Of course some might accuse me of puritan attitudes. But don't complain to me. New York State legislators, not pedestrians, should be the target for libertarian drivers among us.

Will Reno
Department of Government

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Focus on issues, not presentation

To the Editor:

Many people may have seen our flyers and posters up around campus recently. Our flyers were on the tables for part of brunch on Sunday and the poster was up in Beinecke from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon. Both the flyer and the poster contain a partial list of graffiti from all around campus. The purpose of the flyers was to open up a forum for discussion about the ideas that were represented by the graffiti. We wanted to shock the Hamilton community with the blatant remarks that adorn walls, study carols, and bathrooms around campus and to make a statement about the prevalence of these ideas among the student body. The results of our project illustrated that many people did not understand the definition of oppression and the "in your face" tactics of the flyers.

The slurs that we chose to portray were insults that had been aimed at marginalized groups. We consider these groups to be the only targets of oppression. Oppression is the institutionalized and historical exclusion from power or access to power to large groups of people. Oppression takes place on a group level, any single person can be discriminated against or a victim of another person's prejudice. However, oppressions are based on a comparison of power among entire groups of people, not between individuals.

Congress, the President, the Supreme Court, local governments, and even the Trustees of Hamilton College, have a disproportionate number of people from marginalized groups. Here at Hamilton the Trustees are predominantly white, affluent, heterosexual, and male. The "power" of decision making is in the hands of this non-diverse group. A non-diverse group is incapable of fully understanding a perspective other their own. They do not lead the lives of people of color, lesbians, sorority sisters, or many other groups. While they may be able to think about the problems these groups face on campus they can not sympathize emotionally with them. A more diverse board of trustees might be able to empathize with more of these issues. The power structure here at Hamilton, like the rest of the United States, perpetuates systems in which groups of people have more power than others. In this country and at Hamilton, white, heterosexual, affluent males have this power. This system of power is the basis for oppression of groups of people.

The written responses to our project indicated a stereotypical response to activism. Most of the responses we received did not deal with the issues we presented on the flyer, instead they focused on the presentation of such material. The primary response to our flyer was that people were tired of the "in your face approach" of flyers on this campus. This response may suggest the unwillingness of some members of the community to discuss the issues associated with the graffiti. "In your face" activism presents ideas about society that we take for granted if theye were presented in a way that would cause a person to pay more attention to the ideas. If we presented the premise that sexism and homophobia is wrong, in a "nice and friendly" way, then people would brush it off and not give a second thought. People here tend to read "nice" fly ers and dismiss them without discussion. At least people read the flyers we put out and reacted to them. The flyers confronted people about homophobia and sexism. It pointed out that a person would actually deface property in order to perpetrate sexist and homophobic thoughts to others. Unfortunately many people failed to understand these simple points.

Activism creates a response on this campus that illustrates people's ignorance about certain issues. People did not write comments about the graffiti when we asked them to respond to the flyers on the dining tables. Instead, they responded to the tactics of the flyer. "In your face" flyers are only a bad tactic because people who read them refuse to recognize the real issues at hand. We urge everyone to find out why issues are important instead of dismissing flyers because of the presentation of the issues.

Myron Brown '96
Peter Latvis '95

Interested in writing for Attitudes next semester?

We are looking for editors, columnists, and contributors from all corners! If this is <u>you</u>, contact Jim D'Aleo at x1604.

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Colgate student finds Beinecke bizarre

By Pete Ballard
Colgate Maroon-News Staff Writer

While researching a paper at the Hamilton College library, a friend and I ventured to Beinecke Village, the campus's new student center. After roaming every nook and cranny of the muti-million dollar compact I came to this conclusion: It was the most frightening, disconcerting place I have ever had the misfortune of setting foot in. As Colgate considers plans for a new student center, it would do well to study carefully Hamilton's atrocity so as not to blunder into the same mistakes.

I should have known I was in trouble before we even walked in. The parking lot was treacherous. It wasn't particularly difficult to find. It was just so small that it was hard to believe that it serviced a student center. Luckily, at twelve on a Saturday, we were early enough to beat the crowds. We parked and began to look for the entrance. Getting to the student center from the lot is a little tricky. The parking lot and student center are conveniently separated by a small marsh. It wasn't quite big enough for alligators, but it did get our boots muddy.

Once we traversed the swamp, we followed a curved brown brick path to a large crayola yellow complex with crayola green shutters. It stood in remarkable contrast to the traditional architecture of the rest of the campus. Trying to gauge the dimensions of the building made my brain hurt. It seemed to fold back onto itself and parts of it fell away into parallel universes. We couldn't really tell if it was a self-contained unit or whether it was connected to a few peripheral yellow buildings. We eventually found the entrance and ventured in.

The first room we found was upsetting. On the right was a dizzyingly high wall with words at the top in neon the color of Jolly Ranchers. The words were "ANNOUNCEMENTS," "PROCLAMATIONS," and "MANIFESTOES." Below was a slew of posters and dittos about campus events, rides, etc. on a plank of depressingly dark brown cork. But the wall was so high that it became scarcely covered and eventually completely bare the farther up it went. It reminded me of a tree line in the Alaskan tundra. In the middle of the room were metallic tales and plastic red stools. There were only about five or six tables in a comparably large room. As I walked between the tables I couldn't help feeling like a pinball in an arcade game.

The adjoining room housed a 50s style diner, jukeboxes and all. Now the 50s were not without their charm, but even its icons Richie and the Fonz went on to bigger and better things. (Like Night Shift and Cocoon). But it's not the motif that dooms the room, it is the complete lack of space. There are only about six booths in the cramped, narrow room, each adorned with red plastic seats. I learned later that the diner was dubbed the "Peach Pit." Ouch!

Next to the diner was the mail room. In big, pink neon letters over the front desk was "Clinton 13323." I'm not kidding.

The mail room was a circular room with mailboxes spanning the circumference and the work room in the center. The walls were high, but did not quite go to the ceiling. In my sophomore year I trained my rat "Filth" to run through a maze and find food pellets in psychology class. I had never imagined what it must have been like for Filth to be trapped in a maze until that point. Something is awry when a student center mailroom can make me feel empathy for a rat.

From there we pressed on to the other half of the building. This was comprised of a number of hideous lounges. One lounge in particular had several Victorian-era candle lamps illuminating a couch. The couch was compromised of about twenty plastic cushions, each a unique shade of dirt. Even the blue cushion had a tinge of dirt. The next room was named the "Events Barn." The size of the room was comparable to our Parker Commons, but the similarities ended there. The Events Barn was a large octagonal room with a hardwood floor that looked perfect for a square dance, but not much else. The complex's one bathroom was cleverly hidden down the hall.

My friend and I finally left. He was visibly shaken. He said my face looked pale and sickly. I remember friends describing acid trips that sound not unlike my experience at the new Hamilton student center. There were no talking penguins, but they wouldn't have been out of place. I applauded Dean Cappeto's initiative in working for a new student center. But before Colgate blows 10,000,000 smackers on a new building it should examine the schizophrenic architecture and interior design of Beinecke Village. We need a student center that does not cause mental instability. Conant House is booked as it is.

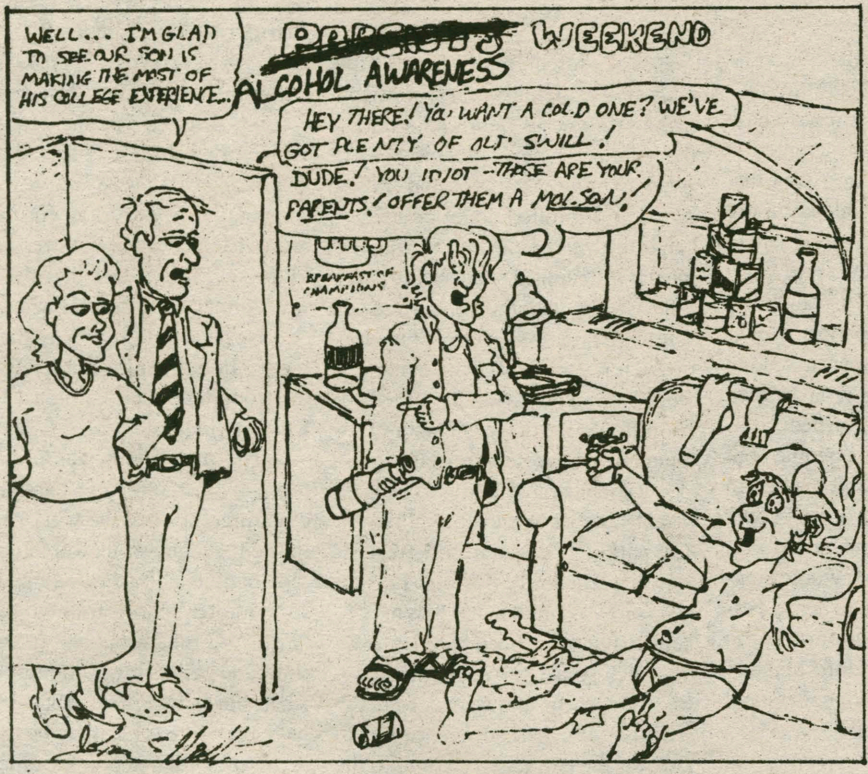
Editor's Note: This article was originally published in the December 3rd issue of the Colgate Maroon-News.

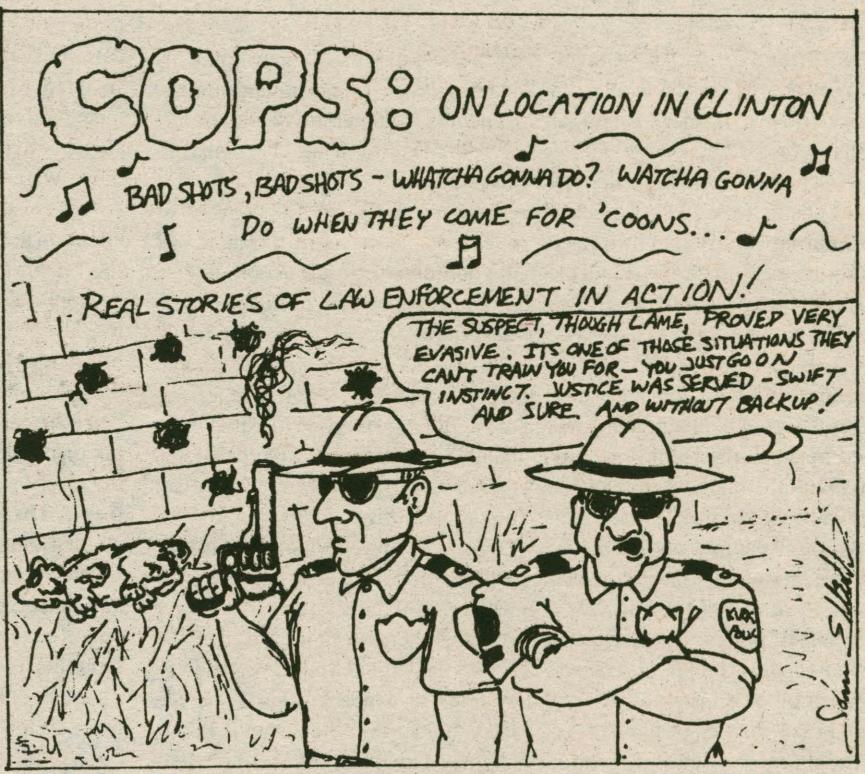
Editor's note: In the Student Assembly platforms published last week one platform was considerably longer than the other two. This was due to an editor's error and the mistake was completely involuntary. We apologize for the mistake.

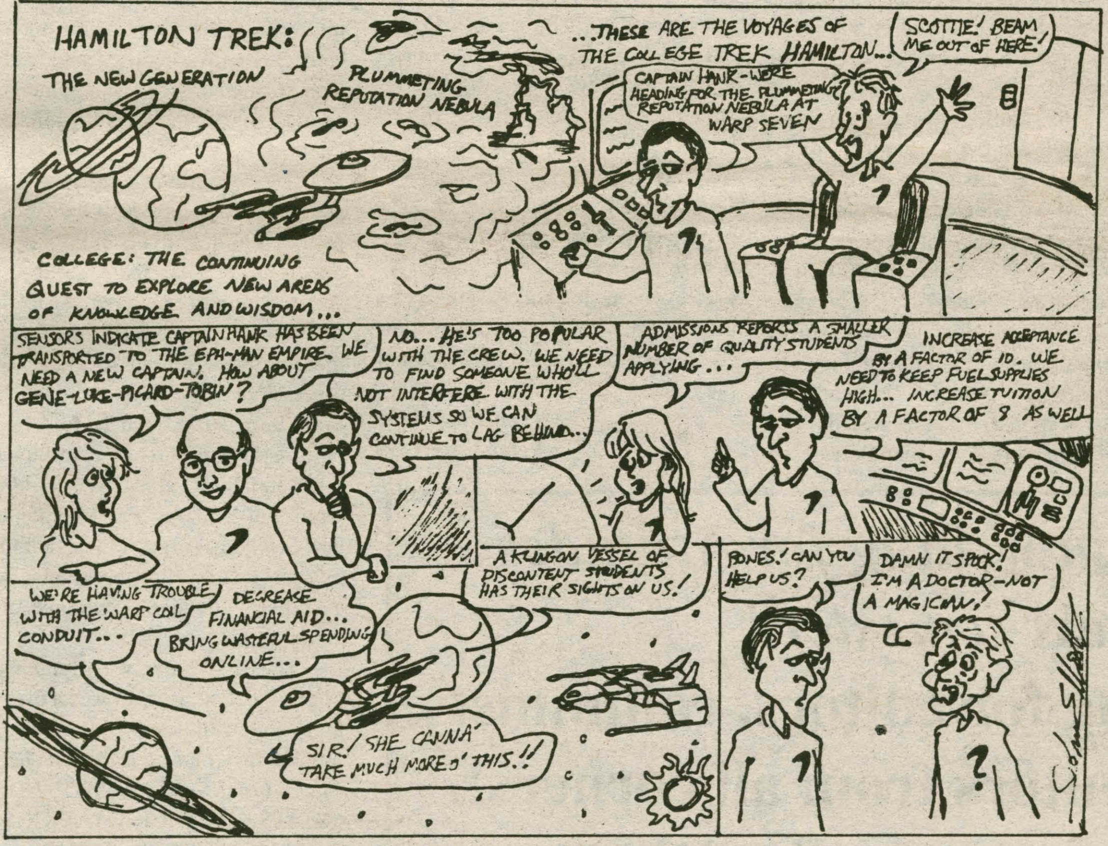
Attitudes

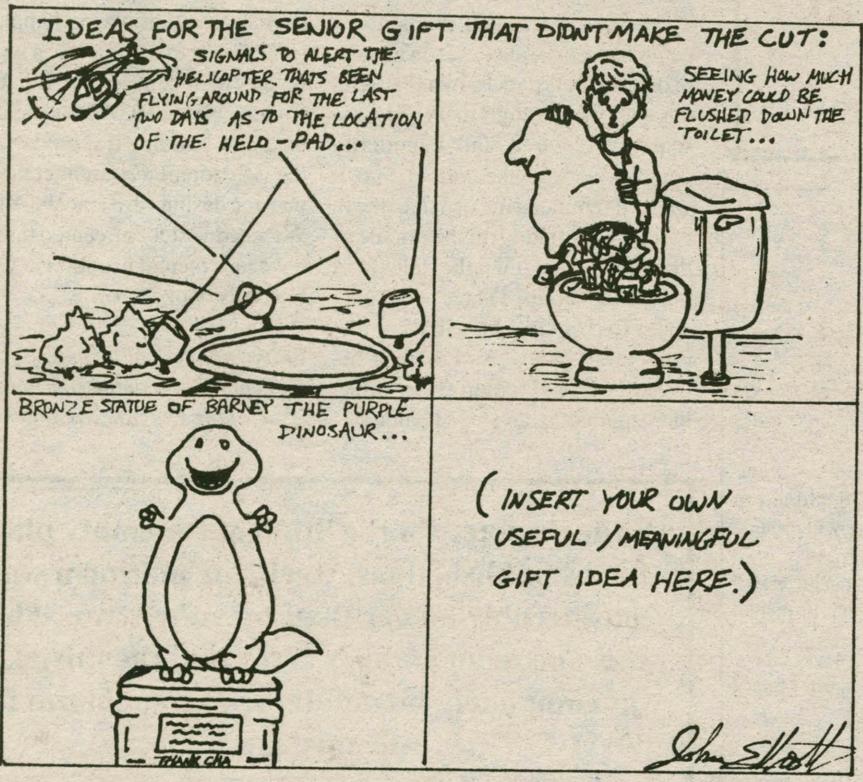
The Year in Cartoons

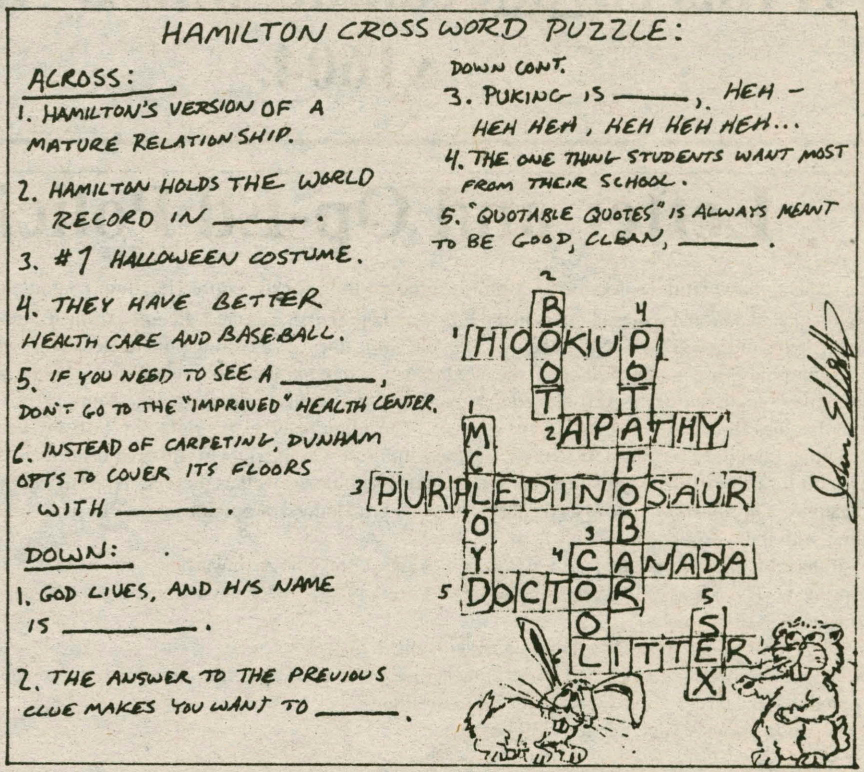
By John Elliott











Sick and tired of studying? *Reservoir Dogs* provides an exciting alternative to books

A scene from *Reservoir Dogs*

Need a study break? A shot of *Reservoir Dogs*, Quentin Tarantino's celebrated film, might be just what you're looking for!

The action of the movie revolves around five two-bit L.A. hoods, hired by a criminal mastermind for a diamond heist that goes savagely awry. A fierce, ultraviolent crime drama, *Reservoir Dogs* tips its hat to the classics of Stanley Kubrick, Martin Scorsese and Sam Peckinpah, and puts Tarantino at the forefront of American independent directors.

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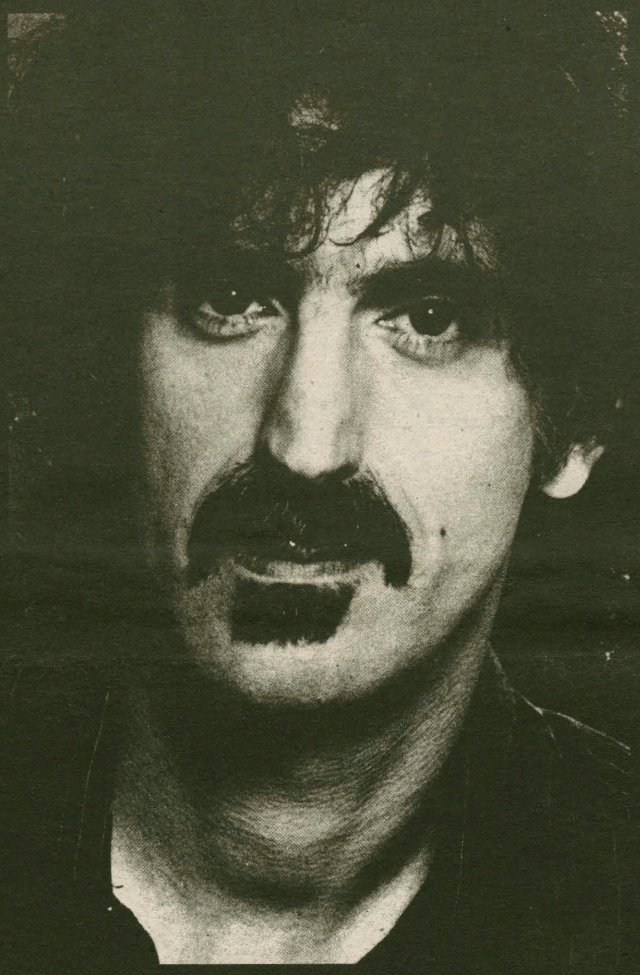

Frank Zappa
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Art icle Pick

Jake Richard Ciuccio '97

Hometown: Washington D.C.
Favorite Media: Photography
Favorite Blow Pop Flavor: Sour Apple
Favorite Photographer: I just got into Richard Avedon, he does portraits mostly
Favorite Hangout in D.C.: JP's
What I Like Least About Hamilton: Social Life
Favorite Razor Blade: Gillette Sensor
Favorite Version of Hellcats: Bomb Base
Favorite Meal at McEwen: Tofu Manicotti
Favorite Model of BMW: 2002 TII 1974 dark blue with a dark blue interior and a black dashboard
Favorite Song of All-Time: *Soul Kitchen* by the Doors
If anything could be free, I would make it: Saranac Black and Tan on Dave Paget, Hackmaster Day

I've been studying photography for four years now. I originally got into it to get rid of an art credit, but I stuck with it because it was fun and I was good at it from the beginning. I like blaack and white better than color...I like to to be able to tell a whole story with a picture and no words. But I haven't done it yet.

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Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

Personals

The Outback from VT, Quickie Master, & Slippery when Wet—Too bad you guys have to stay till the end of the week. Over Christmas break I'll think of you guys under the blazing sun and cool tropical breezes. Outback, watch out for falling mice in trees. Quickie, while I'm away, try not to overload yourself with five-minute encounters. And to the Slippery one, don't worry—not everyone can be a cactus in the Sahara.
— Love always, The lonely Hunter

Gaston —
Christmas under the sun and palm trees swaying in the breeze. That's what I'm looking forward to. Too bad the quad has to stay till the end of finals week ... oops — so do you!! Remember that I have to witness you making the Top 10 List. I just can't take your word for it... or can I?
— Love, Belle

Elizabeth Fisk, Elisa Amaro, and Angela Hilbring—
I salute you in honor of our mascot Sebastian. Hey Cactus Croth, have fun in Puerto Rico. Correctol Queen does the word quick-E mean anything? Hawk, so when will you take your next walk? Have fun Christmas break guys.
— Love, The Engaged One

Do I have to show you the real difference between a nibble and a bite? If you insist. All is fair in love and bondage.

Jeff —
Good Luck in Schenectady (whatever!)
— sweetie

Timo—
I'm still on cloud nine! You leave me with the best dreams. Good luck at the concert!! I can't wait to hear you sing. Get ready to dance tonight.
— Love, J Crew Poster Girl

Steph —
You are the best editor the Spec could have. Great job!
your (ex-)staff

Trevor—
December is an evil month.

Patrick —
Meet me at the bushes again this Saturday night.
— You know who

Jessica C. —
Sorry you have to take GRE's on your birthday. Hope you have a good day anyway and many more, birthdays that is.
—Love, Roxann

To two of the "finest" sisters on campus (Valissa & Sheron in case anyone didn't get that),—
Goodbye, Good luck, and we'll miss you!
—Love always and forever, Carla, Roxann & Val

Jim Thorpe —
Have you ever seen a woman suck a golf ball through a garden hose? Well, now you can. I want you more than ever!
— Renaissance Woman II

Marty and Petey —
I'll miss you both so much. Have a great life in your new worlds, and I'll send you some care packages. Here's to afternoon swims and midnight madness. See you at your Graduation!
— Sona

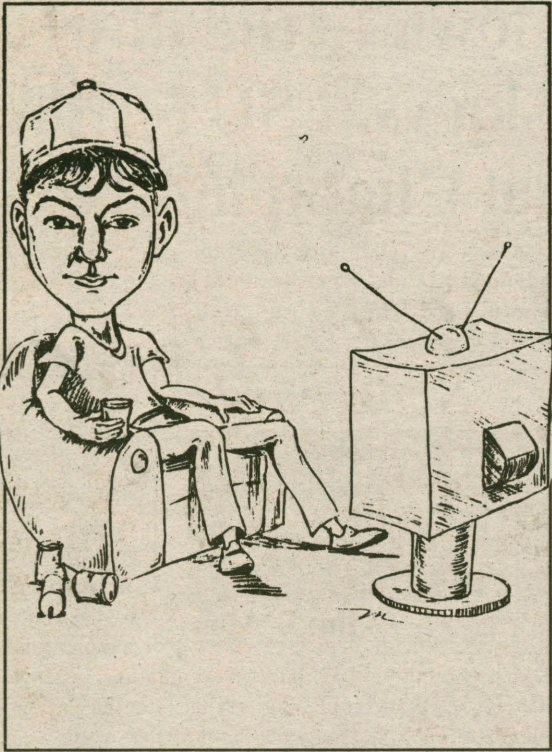
Hey, Ms. Gittens —
(We spelled that right!) Uncle Gene's is calling. We'll miss you very much! You're beautiful and amazing.
— Sona and Marc

Kyle —
So who are you sleeping with? Gotcha!

President Tobin —
Congratulations!

Moo —
So this is the end. Kinda sad, but we're seniors! Who cares! Love you most babe.

Lovelumps — I couldn't ask for more. I love you sweetie.



The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Sam Walker

"Beat the Experts" Champion

9-3 against the spread
3-0-0 against the experts

—CARICATURE BY MAX BRACE

Sam Walker '96 is sports. When not demonstrating his physical gifts on the courts for the varsity tennis tream, Walker manages to actively pursue his avid interest in sports in a variety of fashions. Most notably, Walker loves the Jets. On his weekly sports talk show, he overexaggerates the heroics of New York's second best football team. Nevertheless, Walker's knack for predicting professional sports surpassed everyone's foresight this semester, with a 9-3 posting in the second week against the supposed experts. Congratulations Sam, you are the *Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week.*

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Women's 4 X 800 Relay Team

The team of Tammy Koch '96, Michelle Bishop '96, Cara Davis '96 and Cathleen Cunniff '94 started the indoor track season in dramatic fashion. The year round athletes took their skills inside after a long cross country season, and broke the school record in the 4X800 relay at last weekend's meet at Cornell with a time of 10:19.39. Congratulations team, way to go!

Inconsistent squash team due to change

BY MILLS CHAPMAN '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Jumping out to a 4-1 record after the Williams Invitational, the men's squash team cooled off in December, dropping two out of three matches. Last Wednesday, the Continentals hosted a diverse, yet talented Rochester squad that rolled right through Clinton, handing Hamilton an 8-1 defeat. Matt Sykes '95 picked apart his opponent and chalked one up in the win column for the Continentals.

Putting that loss behind them, the team on Sunday gathered at Commons Dining Hall at 7:00 a.m. to prepare for what was supposed to be a trip to Poughkeepsie to play Vassar, Bard, and Stevens Tech. Led by the energized Mark Mijangos '97, the team took to the Thruway as Mark Havens '94, coach Laurie Whitsel, and Sykes shuttled the troops down to Vassar. Upon arrival, word was received that the Continentals would be playing only two matches. Apparently, reports of Hamilton's fabled Fab Five had struck fear into the hearts of the Stevens Tech players, prompting them to stay at home and lock their doors.

First up for Hamilton that morning was Bard College, who the Buff 'N Blue had gotten a sneak preview of at Williams, and who did not appear to be all that threatening. Cheered on by the Doug Prezzano '97 and Shep Wainwright '95 fan clubs, the Continentals destroyed Bard 7-2. That afternoon, however, Vassar shot down the team's ego as Hamilton lost 8-1 despite the infamous Pete Stein '96 upping his record to a sizzling 7-1. The loss to Vassar was the last chance for Zohair Husain '94 and Vineet Kapur '94 to showcase their wares as they closed out their outstanding careers on the squash courts. Their strength, agility, and leadership will be missed sorely next semester along with that of Rob Carigg '95, Sykes, and Wainwright who will be away next semester but surely not next year. With those players taking off, two additional freshmen, Eric Gershon and Jeff Cacossa, hope to join the ranks of the Continentals as they try to bushwhack their way to the Division I Championships at Yale in February. For all you aspiring squash players, tryouts for the team will be held at the Hamilton Fieldhouse courts on Jan. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Something new is coming to the Sports Section ...

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Let them know how you really feel! This column, written by you, will feature your inside thoughts and opinions regarding any sports related topic, whether professional, collegiate, or recreational. Simply write an article on any sports related topic that interests you and send it to us at "Spectator Sports."

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Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester, and will be entitled to all the perks therein; namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially- Selected Sporting Events	David Paget *Spectator Sports Editor* (Last Week: 7-5 Semester to Date: 73-56)	Jack Selby *Spectator Sports Editor* (Last Week: 4-8 Semester to Date: 68-61)	Jim D'Aleo *Spectator Sports Writer* (Last Week: 5-7 Semester to Date: 75-54)	Marty Reichgott *Fool; Guest #1* (Last Week's Guest: Trevor Nardini (8-4) vs. Experts (3-0-0))	Max Brace *Artist; Guest #2* (Last Week's Guest: Prof. Bradfield (6-6) vs. Experts (2-1-0))
NFL					
Buffalo at Philadelphia 12-12	Buffalo	Philadelphia	Buffalo	Indianapolis	Buffalo
Chicago at Tampa Bay 12-12	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Seton Hall By 2	Chicago
Dallas at Minnesota 12-12	Dallas	Minnesota	Dallas	Xavier	Dallas
Kansas City at Denver 12-12	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Middlebury	Kansas City
Green Bay at San Diego 12-12	San Diego	Green Bay	San Diego	Berry Sanders	Green Bay
Pittsburgh at Miami 12-12	Miami	Pittsburgh	Miami	By 3	Pittsburgh
NCAA BOWL GAMES					
Florida State vs. Nebraska 1-1	Florida State	Nebraska	Florida State	Gerry Cooney	Florida State
UCLA vs. Wisconsin 1-1	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Secretariet By 2 Lengths	Wisconsin
Florida vs. West Virginia 1-1	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	34	Florida
Miami vs. Arizona 1-1	Miami	Arizona	Miami	NE Oklahoma State Junior College	Miami
Boston College vs. Virginia 1-1	Boston College	Boston College	Boston College	Swimmer?	Virginia
Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M 1-1	Notre Dame	Texas A&M	Notre Dame	Virginia	Notre Dame

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

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Beat the Experts Final Standings

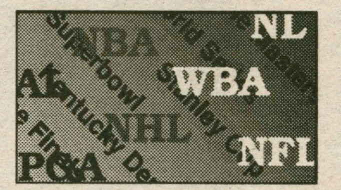
Note: All ties are decided by the guests' record vs. the Experts. The guest with the better record vs. the Experts wins in the event that a tie-breaker is necessary. The winner will be named Athlete of the Week in the last issue of the semester.

Guest Name	Week	vs. Experts	Record
1. Sam Walker	Sept. 17	3-0-0	9-2
2. Steph Van Allen	Nov. 12	3-0-0	8-4
3. Trevor Nardini	Dec. 3	3-0-0	8-4
4. Lance Fuisting	Sept. 29	2-0-1	8-4
5. Kyle Keogh	Oct. 28	1-1-1	8-4
6. Greg Smith	Nov. 5	2-1-0	7-5

The experts' record vs. the guests is 24-28-8

Countdown to the Bowls; Nebraska vs. FSU for the National Championship...

Scorecard



---Jim D'Aleo

NFL: With a 9-6 win over the **Jets** this weekend, the **Indianapolis Colts** have raised their record to 4-8. Three of their four wins were by the score of 9-6. In six games this season, they failed to score ten points. Is this the type of football we have been forced to watch? I hate to jump on the "football is getting boring" bandwagon, but these games just make it seem more true. A team that cannot score any points is a team to laugh at. Yet, it seems like there are more teams like that out there. The fact that the Colts have won four times proves that. Teams like the Colts should be pummelled every week and I can't explain why they aren't... The **Phoenix Cardinals** are another bad team that is 4-8, but at least when they win, they make it interesting. This week, they beat the **Los Angeles Rams** 38-10 off of four touchdowns runs by rookie **Ron Moore**. Moore was a Division II player picked in the fourth round, who did not expect to get much playing time with **Garrison Hearst** on the team. But an injury to Hearst put this no-name in and allowed him to shine. You have to love stories like that... Do you think the **Detroit Lions** are starting to panic? Nine quarters without a touchdown caused them to fire their offensive coordinator and demote **Rodney Peete** to third string. Maybe they haven't realized that they have no offense without **Barry Sanders**, so changing the quarterback won't mean a thing. Expect them not to make the playoffs this season, after leading the NFC Central for the first half...

NHL: Quote of the week: **Sheldon Kennedy** of the **Detroit Red Wings** talking about the six figure contract number one pick **Alexandre Daigle** received to pose in a nurse's outfit for a hockey card; "For that kind of money, I would pose in a G-string and high heels." With two goals and four assists in 22 games, that might be the only way you'll get that money... If you take a look at the NHL All-Star voting for the Eastern Conference, you see something interesting. Three of the top five vote getters at center are out indefinitely with injuries. **Pat LaFontaine** at number five is out for the season after knee surgery. **Mario Lemieux** (number two) is out with a bad back. The top vote getter, **Eric Lindros** just got back onto the ice for the first time. This is reminiscent of when the NHL fans voted in **Pelle Lindburgh** as that starter at goalie about a month after he died in car crash. Voting shouldn't be on reputation; it should be on the season thus far and none of these guys has played enough to get these votes... Hey, **San Jose** is third in the Pacific Conference with 27 points. Isn't that the number of points they got all of last season. **Los Angeles** and **Edmonton** should drop out of the league for being below them. At least, Anaheim has an excuse...

NBA: Center **Stanley Roberts** ruptured his achilles tendon last weekend and is out for the season. Roberts has had a history of having trouble keeping his weight down when he is playing. What is going to happen now that he probably won't be able to move well for a few weeks and definitely won't be able to participate in strenuous physical activity for a few months? Whatever happens, I don't see the **Clippers** being to happy about it... When was the last time you saw a center leading the NBA in scoring, let alone holding the top two places? Without **Michael Jordan** and **Alex English** in the league, you may see a center who can score enough points to hold off favorite **Dominique Wilkins**. That will be a sight that hasn't been seen in years... The **Detroit Pistons** set an NBA record on Tuesday by scoring a record low of six points against **Miami** in the fourth quarter. Way to go, Detroit. The even funnier thing about this is the fact that they only lost the game by two...

NCAA: The bowl matchups have been released and it looks like the Orange Bowl will determine the national champion. Number one **Nebraska** will face off against number two **Florida State** in Miami. I will tell you that there will be a lot of arguing going on after the game when Florida State has won. The focus will then switch over to the Sugar Bowl to see whether **West Virginia** will beat **Florida**. If they do, they will be the only non-probation team with an undefeated record. That would cause major problems for the NCAA, which may force them to move to a playoff for later years. No matter what the results are, it will be interesting. Unless, Nebraska wins, that is... **Marshall Faulk** of **San Diego State** announced that he will not be returning for his senior year of college. What a surprise. It wouldn't bother me so much if it wasn't for the fact that he claimed to be so adamant about staying for all four years. If you're not sure about what you are going to do, then don't claim to be. It just annoys everybody...

MISCELLANEOUS: **Paul Azinger**, one of the more popular golfers on the tour today, has been diagnosed with cancer. It has been localized to his right shoulder and he is expected to make a full recovery and return to the tour in seven months. Azinger is only 33. Makes you think, doesn't it?... As this is my last column of the semester, happy holidays and enjoy the bowl games.

Hockey's 6-0 start is best in Hamilton history

From Hockey on page 16

out to a 5-1 lead after one period, well on their way to the eventual 11-2 victory. Shawn Kelly '95, Jeff Bradley '96, Lloyd Polanish '96 and Sean Brady each scored two goals in the romp. Freshman goaltender Joe Donnarumma proved solid in the net, raking up 23 saves. Coach Phil Grady said that he was surprised by this game.

"I think we caught them tired," he said.

Tuesday night, the Continentals hosted the Cortland Red Dragons at the Sage. The game proved to be the toughest game for the Continentals thus far this season. The game featured 41 penalty minutes and one ejection which left Hamilton down a man for practically the entire game. Despite the disadvantage, the penalty-killing unit worked well, and was able to preserve a 5-3 win. The win marked the team's sixth in a row, the best start for a Continental team in history. The previous record, five wins, was held by the 1959-60 team. That squad ended the season at 13-5.

The Continentals led off the scoring at 9:03 in the first period off of a slap shot by Jeff Bradley, which was deflected into the net by Joe Baudo '97. Gary Heenan was credited with the assist.

The Red Dragons managed to tie the score at 12:32 in the second period. Unfortunately for Hamilton, more bad news came when Heenan butted a Cortland player with his stick after the play was over. He was given a five minute major penalty and a game misconduct. Per league rules, Heenan was suspended for one game, meaning he won't be able to play against Williams next week. For the Continentals, it meant that they would be playing a man down for five minutes and were down to only five defensemen.

The Continentals regained the lead at 15:26 on a nice goal by Joe Baudo. Cortland goalie Mike Germain tried to come out to kick the puck away, but Baudo got around him and was able to put it in the far side of the net.

And if the Heenen incident wasn't enough, more bad news came when Carl Greenhaus was given a five minute major and a ten minute misconduct. That meant the Cortland would be on a five minute power play and Greenhaus would be out for fifteen minutes, leaving the Continentals with only four defensemen. Despite the odds against them, Hamilton was able to kill off the penalty.

Once back to full guns, Hamilton was able to quickly capitalized with a goals by Shawn Kelly '95 at 5:46 and Lloyd Polanish '96, who put in what would become the game-winner at 8:58 of the third period off of a great pass from behind the net by Keith Clark '94. The final score of the game was 5-3, in favor of Hamilton.

The final tally for the Continentals against Cortland was 13 penalties for 41 minutes. The power play unit worked well for the Continentals, only giving up one goal. With so many power plays, much of the responsibility fell on freshman goaltender Gary Bisbee, who saved 22 of 25 shots. His impressive performance culminated by a great defensive unit, helped guarantee the victory.

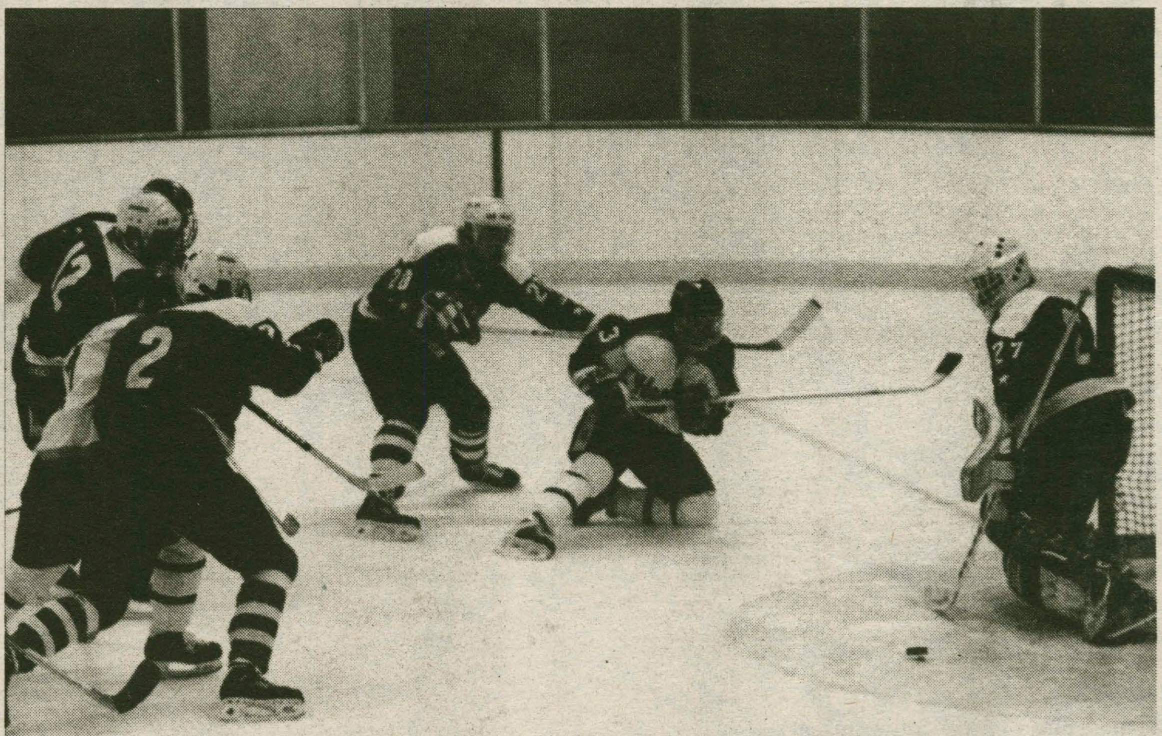


PHOTO BY JAKE CIUCCIO

Brian Green '96 tries to slip one by St. Anselm's goalie in Hamilton's 3-1 historic victory in front of the trustees.

"Thankfully, our man down unit had a great game," Bisbee said. "They never let the Cortland power play set up."

Coach Grady acknowledged that the penalties are a problem. The Continentals are usually near the bottom of the league in penalty minutes. But, this is not the case so far this season.

"They are a major concern and the players know that," Coach Grady said. "[Tuesday], we didn't have the composure needed."

Despite the abnormal abundance of penalties, Coach Grady was happy to get the record, but emphasized that the season was not yet over.

"The record at the beginning of the season is not as important as the record at the end of the season," Grady pointed out. "We must concentrate on playing well for the rest of the season."

The Continentals will take their 6-0-0 record into Williams on Saturday. They beat the Ephmen 5-2 two weeks ago. This game will not count for the conference standings under the new schedule.

Slap Shots: Joe Baudo and Keith Clark are both questionable for this week's game against Williams. Baudo suffered a badly bruised him and Clark pulled a groin in Tuesday's game. The decision will be made after consulting with the trainers before game time... Shawn Kelly is leading the team with six goals and twelve points... Eric Roberts leads the team with eight assists... Hamilton has outscored opponents 36-12.

Victory and defeat all in one meet at Middlebury for swimmers

By Adam Hempling '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The women's swimming and diving team unfortunately lost a close meet to the Lady Panthers from Middlebury. They did not, however, go down without a good fight. A one hundred percent effort was given by every member of this crew of young ladies, and some truly excellent performances were given.

Marianne Steen '97, got on the blocks for her event and declared her intentions for success. Her times in the 100 Free (0:56.05) and the 200 Free (2:02.06) earned her first places in both events. In addition to her victories in the 100 Free and the 200 Free, Steen also claimed second place in the 50 Free with a time of 0:26.44. Steen will truly be the one to watch at the State Championship Meet in the end of the season.

Also feeling the need for speed were Liz Sichol '96 and co-captain Patricia Wojcik '94. Sichol swept the competition away in the 1000 Free, completing it in 11:12.99. She also claimed second in the 500 Free and fourth in the 200 Free. Wojcik's 200 Breast was also another one of the many stellar performances given by the Lady Continentals. Her time of 2:41.78 ensured another first place victory for Hamilton. She, along with Leslie Allen '97, Kim Henny '97, and Wendy Marrs '97, finished second in the 400 Medley Relay.

Diving coach Paul Flinchbaugh is to be complimented on his talented group of divers. All three divers for the women's team did exceptionally well. Freshman Vicky Massoud was definitely the person to watch on the 1 meter springboard. Her impeccable dives earned her a total of 196.80 points which guaranteed her a first place finish. Massoud also took second on the 3 meter board, earning a total of 182.15 points. Co-captain Megan Hughes' '94 amazing performance on the 3 meter board got her first place. Her total for this event was 192.15 points. In addition to her victory on the 3 meter board, she took second on the 1 meter board with a total of 190.80. Third place on the 1 meter board was awarded to Richelle D'Elia '97 who accumulated 186.80 points. It is hoped the Hughes, D'Elia and Massoud will continue to shine in the diving events.

Additional top five placers included Lynn Separk '96 (4th—400 Medley Relay, 5th—200 Back, 4th—200 I.M.), Heather Wayne '97 (2nd—400 Free Relay), Laura Brerton '96 (4th—200 Fly, 3rd—1000 Free, 5th—400 Free Relay), Christi Weston '97 (4th—400 Medley Relay, 3rd—200 Breast), Marrs (5th—100 Free, 2nd—400 Free Relay), Beth Nolan '97 (5th—500 Free, 5th—400 Free Relay), Allen (4th—200 Back), Henney (5th—50 Free), Val Gorra '97 (5th—400 Free Relay), Karin Warner '97 (4th—400 Medley Relay, 2nd—400 Free Relay), Jen Johns '96 (4th—200 Breast, 4th—400 Medley Relay), Stephanie Reynolds '96 (2nd—400 Free Relay), and Beth Neary '97 (5th—400 Free Relay).

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After surviving an unbelievably long bus ride to Middlebury College in Vermont, the men's swimming and diving team conquered the Panthers with a score of 141-100. The rivalry that exists between these two teams brought out some of the finest swimming and diving so far this season.

Hamilton made excellent showings in the distance freestyle events. Co-captain Jonathan Greene '95, Mark Moldenhauer '97, and Nate Aydelott '96 captured the top three places, respectively, in both the 500 Free and the 1000 Free. Greene's winning time in the 1000 Free (10:11.21) made him the new pool record holder. Along with his victories in the 500 Free and the 1000 Free, he also claimed second in the 100 Free with a time of 0:50.68. Moldenhauer '97 and Aydelott '96, along with Tim Lynch '94 and Tim Finley '97, added superior efforts in the 400 Free Relay.

In addition to the awesome job done by the distance swimmers, Dan Glass '96 and Ben Fox '96 gave incredible performances in their events. Glass' time of 2:04.51 in the 200 I.M. and 2:19.12 in the 200 Breast earned him first place in both events. Glass, along with Matt Hawkins '97, Kyle Bolenbaugh '95, and Andrew Miller '95, took second in the 400 Medley Relay. Fox, also a double-winner, took first in both the 200 Free and the 200 Back with times of 1:51.69 and 2:04.36, respectively. Fox, along with Mark Callahan '94, Judd Taylor '967, and Matt Swensson '97, was also part of the fastest 400 Free Relay team in the pool.

Without question, the finest performances of the meet came from the divers. Nathaniel Vergow '95 did some truly stellar diving on both the 1 meter and 3 meter springboards. His totals of 249.20 on the 1 meter board and 249.65 on the three meter board made him pool record holders in both events as well as the MVP of the meet. Jason "Moose" Haas '94 earned third place in both events with totals of 227.80 and 216.25. Scott Henry's '96 214.1. point total on the 1 meter board earned him fourth place overall.

Other top five finishers included Miller (2nd—50 Free, 3rd—100 Free), Swensson (2nd—200 Fly, 3rd—200 Free), Sean Delany '95 (4th—200 Breast, 3rd —200 I.M., 3rd—400 Medley Relay), Lynch (5th—400 Medley Relay), co-captain Greg Schwartz '94 (3rd—200 Fly, 5th—200 Free), Neil Fischbein '95 (5th—200 Back, 5th—200 I.M., 3rd—400 Medley Relay), Eric Hawrelak '95 (5th—400 Medley Relay), Adam Hempling '97 (5th—200 Fly), Hawkins (4th—50 Free, 4th—200 Back), Jeremy Swan '97 (5th—400 Medley Relay), Justin Kreter '97 (3rd—200 Breast, 3rd—400 Medley Relay), Josh Blum '97 (5th—400 Medley Relay), and Taylor (5th—100 Free, 3rd—400 Medley Relay).

This season is already off to a great start, and the future looks bright for this talented group of young men. Head coach David Thompson, along with assistant coaches Kristen Keiser, Steve Espe, Jim Healy, and diving coach Paul Flinchbaugh, is now preparing the team for upcoming competitions against Renssalaer Polytech on December 10th, and against Amherst over the break. It is expected that the Continentals will give just as good a performance against both schools as well as strong showings at meets coming up after the December break. The team is also aiming to capture first place overall at the State Championship Meet at the end of the season.

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Oranges fly twice in record 6-0 start for hockey

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A lot of goals and a lot of penalty minutes marked the Hamilton Continentals hockey team's 3-0 week. On December 3, the Continentals defeated St. Anselm's 3-1 in front of a large crowd. The next afternoon, they had an easy test, as they blew out New England College 11-2. December 7 saw the Continentals face off against the Cortland State Red Dragons. Amidst a large number of penalty minutes, the Continentals managed to hold on to a 5-3 lead and break the school record for the longest winning streak at the start of a season.

PHOTO BY JAKE CICCIO

Brian Green '96 scores Hamilton's first goal against St. Anselms in the newly dedicated Sage Rink.

The Friday night game against the St. Anselm's Hawks was the first home game with the entire student body present on campus. In addition to the student body, many Hamilton trustees and old-time hockey players were at the game for a pre-game ceremony dedicating the newly renovated rink to the memory of former coaches Albert I. Pettyman and Greg Butt. The Continentals gave everyone a tight game to watch and the fans responded in their usual manner. At 2:41 in the first, Eric Roberts' '94 wrist shot from the left side was saved by Hawks' goalie John Herrick. After the save, the puck stayed right on the post, where Herrick could not seem to find it. In the rush to complete the play, the net was knocked off its moorings, right before the puck slid in. The referee waved off the goal, but the Continental fans, anticipating the goal signal, continued the tradition by throwing oranges onto the ice. The game was delayed for about ten minutes as the debris was cleaned off of the playing surface. Incredibly, the Continentals were not assessed the traditional penalty given to the team for the delay of game created by the frenzy of flying oranges.

Eventually the Continentals did get on the board first and once again the ice was bombarded with oranges. Though this time, the incident forced a delay of game penalty. The goal came from Brian Green '96 who took a nice wrist shot from the right side of the goalie to make the score 1-0 at 19:37. Assists were given to both Joe Baudo and Sean Brady. When the oranges began to fly again, the referees pulled both teams off of the ice, declaring the period over. The last 23 seconds and the penalty were ultimately tagged on when the game resumed in the second period.

In the second period, the Continentals continued to display their power. Green scored another goal early in the period, putting the Continentals up for good. Another Sean Brady pass from behind the net allowed Green to slam the puck in at 3:08. The goal was Green's fourth on the season.

The packed Sage Rink was continually filled with cheers while Kendall Brook '96 proved master of the net and kept the Continentals in the lead for the rest of the game. Brook finished with an impressive 25 saves in the 3-1 victory. The stellar performance raised Brook's personal record to a perfect 3-0-0.

The following afternoon, the Continentals played New England College for the first time in Coach Phil Grady's tenure. This game was close for only about the first seven minutes, as the Continentals jumped

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Basketball picks up another tournament trophy

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This past weekend, the 3-1 Men's Basketball team took their show on the road to New London, Connecticut to compete in the annual Whaling City Ford Basketball Tournament. Coach Murphy's troops, fresh off of a road victory at Hobart, were joined by The Coast Guard, Vassar, and host Connecticut College comprising the tournament field. The Continentals opened with a scrappy Coast Guard squad, and had their hands full for the entire game. Murphy hinted to his team before the game that all military schools play tough defense and rebound well, and this Coast Guard team proved to be no exception.

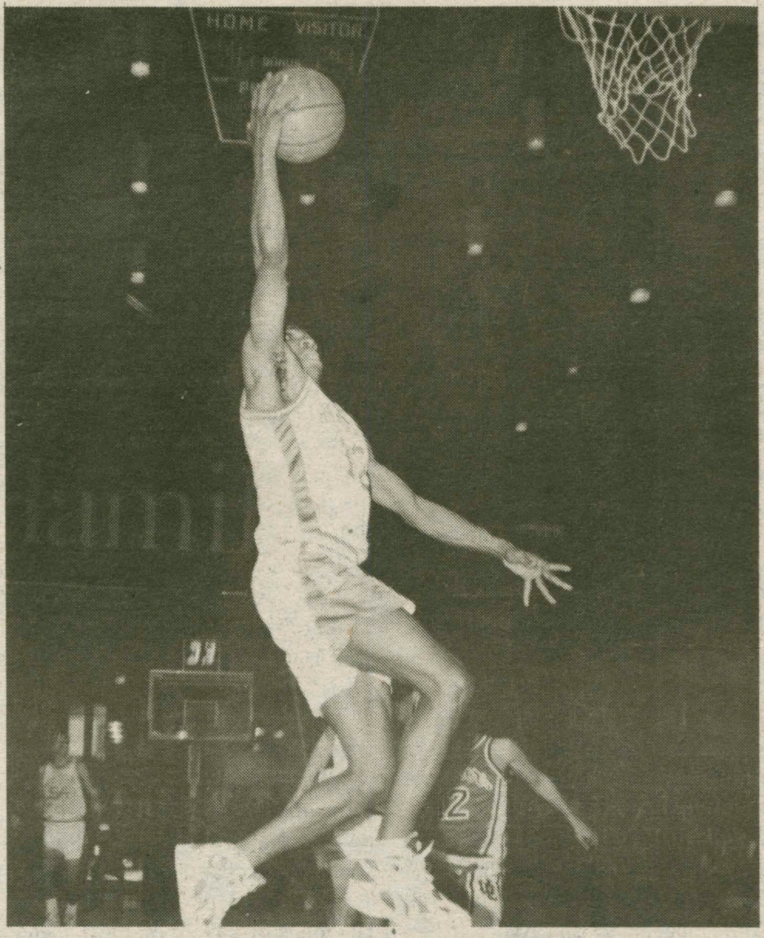

PHOTO BY GREG GOODMAN **Aurelius Henderson '94 is averaging 6.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game this season.**

In a sloppy but gutsy overtime victory, the Continentals went to the free-throw line a tournament record 45 times and converted 35. The teams combined for 56 fouls and five players fouled out, including four Hamilton starters. Playing without center Chris Harper '94 who fouled out early in the second half and with leading scorer Erin McCann '95 shackled by foul trouble, the Continentals had to turn to their bench. Seldom-used but valuable performers Pete Vandersloot '96, Al Lewis '96, and Art Reliford '96 all played with impressive savvy and all-out hustle.

Buoyed by the bench and led by co-captain Fran D'Agata's 23 points, the Continentals were able to maintain a slim lead for most of the second half. Unfortunately, the game went into overtime when Coast Guard's Jed Boba hit a three-pointer with only one second remaining in regulation. Hamilton out-played the opponent in the overtime, but really could not exhale until D'Agata was intentionally fouled at 1:06 by a Coast Guard player. D'Agata drained the freebie, and then fed Joe Mrozienski '96 on the inbound for a Continental 3-point lead. Reliford, playing after D'Agata fouled out, calmly sunk two foul shots with 12 seconds to play to seal the 98-96 win.

The Continentals entered the championship game on Saturday night knowing they had already beaten the toughest competition in New London on this particular weekend, and only had to maintain some intensity in order to dispose of a much weaker Connecticut College team. Co-captain Rich Perez voiced his team's mindset heading into the championship game. "We knew we were the better team. The championship game was really won in the first round against the Coast Guard." Indeed, the Continentals had superior height and talent and basically ran Connecticut College out of New London en route to a 104-80 victory. Guard Scott Pace found his stroke and stung the opponents for 26 points, while McCann chipped in a cool 22 points and 9 rebounds. Harper had 12 points and grabbed 10 boards, and Perez chipped in 10 of his own. The game was never really in question as Perez's insight held true. D'Agata was named the tournament's MVP, while McCann and Mrozienski joined him on the all-tournament team. It was the second-straight tournament in which this triumvirate received such accolades.

The 5-1 Continentals will host a perennially tough Hartwick side tonight in the Bundy-Scott fieldhouse. The team is cautiously upbeat over their fast start. While the competition has yet to be very tough, Hamilton is relying less on the three-pointer and diversifying the offense. The strong work of the bench over the week-end is also cause for optimism. Perez added, "It's really important to go into break at 6-1 as opposed to 5-2. This will really add to our momentum and give us a positive mindset to work during the break. Traditionally, we always come together and become a much better team over break as we have nothing but basketball to think about."

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